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Murder In Meridian?

Carol Winn
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Two men were arrested March 25 in Hempstead, NY and charged with murdering 23-year-old Ludlow Desouza in Howard University's off-campus Meridian Hill Hall dormitory last November 14, according to D.C. police who suspect the crime to be drug-related. The dormitory is located at 2601 16th St. NW.

According to a press release issued by the district's police public information office, Donald J. Allen, 19, of 78 Prince Ave. in Freeport, NY, and Joseph Williams, 20, of 350 Jerusalem Ave. in Hempstead, NY, were arrested by Nassau County third squad detectives and charged with "murder two while armed."

The two men are currently awaiting extradition from New York to D.C. and none have been confirmed by university officials to be Howard students.

The release also stated that trash collectors found Desouza "stuffed in trash bags" behind a dumpster on 143 W. St. NW.

A D.C. Medical Examiner's Office report indicated that Desouza, of 7505 Blair Rd. in Silver Spring, MD, died of "multiple gun shot wounds."

Currently there is only speculation among Meridian residents and counselors about the actual occurrence and location of the crime.

Rev. Nathaniel Thomas, Meridian's head residence counselor said he was unaware of the crime until he heard television news reports, after which he met with students residing in the dormitory to discuss the alleged incident and to allay their fears.

"We were unaware of an investigation of an alleged homicide which possibly took place in Meridian... (although) as of this date we have no confirmation that such a tragedy occurred in Meridian Hill," Thomas said.

According to Thomas, information he obtained from a local television station report indicated that "the guy (Desouza) was a dope pusher and was beaten," and added that Desouza did not live in the dormitory. "If it did happen in Meridian some students were involved. (Any)

other information I could give would be strictly hearsay.... We were shocked at the news report," Thomas said.

On March 26, Joe Johns of television station WRC reported (based on information he said was confirmed by district police department sources) that police made contact with someone in Washington who said where and when the murder took place. Johns reported that sometime after that information was obtained police officers went into the alleged location of the crime (room 766 of Meridian Hill Hall) with a search warrant where they "discovered blood stains," according to Johns. He also reported that district police made New York contacts "with someone who sold drugs to (Desouza)."

Meanwhile, in an effort to enhance safety, students of the residence hall have recently received "An Open Letter to the Residents of Meridian Hill Hall" issued by Dean for Residence Life William V. Keene, which lists several steps alerting students "of the importance of security awareness."

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'Community News' Suspended

Students Fired From Newspaper

Carol Winn
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Key staff members of the School of Communications' laboratory newspaper *The Community News* were unexpectedly "terminated" from their positions after a decision by the journalism department to temporarily suspend its publication because of yearlong problems of quality editorial content, according to Dr. Lawrence Kaggwa, chairman of the department.

In an effort to also enhance the management's organizational structure, postponement would give the department time to improve its quality. "We just wanted to have time to study the paper's problems and come up with solutions... and to give us time to put together a staff for next year," Kaggwa said.

The Community News was first published in 1982 under the direction of the journalism department, as a tool with which students could work in order to hone their skills in newspaper production by covering local events.

According to General Manager Mohammad Jahed, the newspaper was a "project" of the department, similar to a classroom project, and not a student newspaper. "It was not a fixed idea that we had to go to a certain number (of issues)."

"It is the prerogative of the department" to do what it wants with the

paper. "Next semester we might just have five issues," he added.

He said that on several occasions throughout the year former staff members were informed via memos that "they are not (performing) to their full capacity."

Former staff members were surprised by what they called an unannounced termination from the paper which had only three more issues to be published for this year. Former Executive Editor Jacqueline Jones said, "It's really a shame.... The whole year has been a tug of war between me and Jahed... a total lack of communication. My main problem was the way everything happened," she said.

When the staff returned from Spring break on Monday March 24, they were greeted with termination letters. Staff members received a "Notice of Termination" stating "Your termination comes as a result of a decision by... Dr. Kaggwa (chairman of the department of journalism) to stop publication of *The Community News* due to the embarrassing quality of the paper."

Jones said although she was not fired she decided to submit her letter of resignation which was accepted by Jahed. She added that although some journalism instructors made themselves available to the staff for advice their supervision of the paper was lax and that it didn't improve un-

til the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications (ACEJMC) came on Feb. 28 to evaluate the department which was recommended for accreditation.

"Very seldom would they say anything to the staff" except via rumors regarding enhancing the quality of the paper's news content," Jones said that during and after the accreditors' visit the faculty would come and proof articles. "All of a sudden there was a heightened concern and as a result of this they put more pressure on us," said Jones about the paper that had "the potential to be a good paper."

Gromer Jeffers, former chief copy editor said, "There was really no direction from the top," and that the paper's policy board which, according to Kaggwa is supposed to meet each month, "did not meet until the decision to suspend."

Jeffers, who rated his performance as chief copy editor as an eight (on a scale of one to 10) said his problems stemmed from the inability of the staff to meet deadlines. "They never met deadlines. The production schedule was never met," he said.

Although Jeffers said that no one in particular is to blame for the temporary suspension of *The Community News* "There were articles turned

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Golden Key Starts Howard Chapter



Some of the inductees and faculty present at the Golden Key National Honor Society induction ceremony included: Kenneth Sanders, chapter advisor and assistant dean of Student Life and Activities; Lloyd Royal, chapter president; Lisa Scarborough, public relations director; Vincent Johns, dean of Student Life and Activities; Elaine Gooden, vice president; Renee Baylor, treasurer; and Leslie Holmes, an inductee.

Kuue Noel Kelch
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Howard University students representing the top 15 percent of the junior and senior classes were inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society in the Armory J. Blackburn center last Thursday, making Howard the first predominantly Black university in the country to establish a chapter.

More than 150 new members were welcomed into the society last week as Regional Director Stephen Pracht presented the charter to Howard University chapter president Lloyd Royal Jr., a junior majoring in marketing. Pracht, also a founding member, directed the chartering of 32 of the 72 active Golden Key chapters throughout the country.

Golden Key National Honor Society was founded by a group of undergraduate students at Georgia State University in 1977 to recognize and promote scholastic achievement in all undergraduate fields of study

through voluntary service, economic assistance and collaboration with university faculties and administrators.

According to Royal, the establishment of Golden Key at Howard has special significance.

"Being founded in Georgia, a state where racial tension flourished, is the major significance. It is the fact that this is a major university in the world that is the first Black University to have a chapter. Now we can integrate and network within that organization to dispell some of the stereotypes about Black institutions of higher learning," he said.

Honorary membership in the society was given to Kenneth K. Saunders, Chapter Advisor and Assistant Dean of Student Life and Activities at Howard. Also receiving honorary membership was Dr. Jeanne Sinkford, Dean of the College of Dentistry; Dr. Geraldine Pittman Woods, chairman of the Howard University Board of Trustees; and Dr. Alyce Gullatte, of the Institute

and Addition, psychiatrist and keynote speaker at the reception." Gullatte spoke to the audience about the importance of education by linking it with the concept of family.

"The availability of education that is so precious is something the young people of today should look upon with absolute love," she said.

According to Gullatte, there has been a fragmentation of the family unit and the new one parent family has emerged.

"A pattern of noncommunication has surfaced as a crisis in many families. The family is losing some of its cohesiveness. We need to redefine the meaning of a family," she said.

Gullatte stressed the importance of education beginning in the home.

"The family is the elemental matrix. The first generation models the parenting behaviors for the next generation. I share this with you because, as parents of the future, you have to understand the nature of child development in order to be parents," she said.

According to Gullatte, of every 10 pupils in the fifth grade in 1964, only seven received a high school education and only two received a college degree statistics which had not changed in 1984.

"In every nation except ours, education is a national defense priority," she said.

Gullatte told the group of inductees that the school has many tasks in order to provide a quality, well-rounded education.

"The school must help young adults to confront the reality of self. It should have an intellectual ambience which stimulates the theater of student's mind," she said.

After discussing the incidences of mental and emotional problems among children, Gullatte told the inductees that they will represent the brighter future for the country and the world.

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Reconstruction of the "Dust Bowl" continues, with hopes of completion for graduation ceremonies.

Howard Stadium Project Nears May 10 Deadline

Michelle E. Dyer
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Howard University traditionally holds its graduation ceremony in its football stadium. With graduation only five weeks away, the football stadium is still under reconstruction.

Construction began three days before Thanksgiving. Construction is anywhere from three to six weeks behind schedule, according to sources involved with the project.

Bryant G. Harris, assistant vice president of Business and Fiscal Affairs, is in charge of overseeing the \$1.6 million stadium's reconstruction. When completed it will include an astro-turf football field, a new running track, and bleachers with a seating capacity for 5,000 people.

"Construction is three weeks behind schedule due to bad weather," said Harris. "The weather is just making us sweat and has delayed underground construction."

In spite of the delay, Harris, who inspects the field periodically, said, "At this point I am satisfied with it. They (construction workers) are doing a good job."

Harris said, "We anticipate having it done by graduation."

A spokesperson for Owen Nichols, vice president for Administration and Secretary of the University, said the field should be ready or graduation will be held on the main campus Quadgrange (the yard).

Carl Anderson, vice president of Student Affairs, agreed with Harris that the weather has been a problem. "We had extreme wet weather this past winter, but it is our plan to have it ready. According to the head contractor it will be ready in time for commencement."

Bruce Stennett, general superintendent of John C. Grimberg Company, Inc., which is the head contractor for the project, also blames the delay on bad weather. "We practically lost the

whole month of February because of rain," said Stennett.

In spite of the bad weather, he said 40 percent of the project is completed. "I would say we are right on schedule. We hope to have 95 percent completed to hold (the) commencement exercise this year."

Chief Engineer, George Woody of Faith Construction, the company that is responsible for the contract, said, "The whole field will not be completed by graduation."

According to Woody, construction work is six weeks behind schedule. However, he said, "If God smiles on us and we have good weather, everything will be completed except for the astro-turf on the football field and the track surface."

Faith Construction will not lay the astro-turf or the new track surface. Balsam American Sports Facilities (BASF) is scheduled to place the astro-turf on the new field. The company specializes in surfacing athletic fields and will begin work April 13.

According to a BASF supervisor, Tony Brown, it will take the company approximately eight days to complete their portion of the job.

The BASF Company, Inc. will complete the entire project at a later date following commencement. When BASF leaves on April 20 the field will be covered with a hard rubber surface called a shock pad.

According to Brown, "The shock pad reduces the impact when a player hits the ground. It gives and absorbs some of the impact."

Brown and Woody said no one should have problems walking on the hard rubber surface.

Woody added that he will let Howard officials know by the end of April whether or not a sufficient amount of the field will be completed for graduation.

Darren Price contributed to this story.

Professor Dies in Guyana

Elizabeth Smith
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Dr. Alfred F. Hoyte, a professor in the School of Engineering, died of a stroke March 18 while on a visit in Guyana.

Hoyte was a 61-year-old faculty member in the Department of Electrical Engineering and joined the Howard staff in 1966. Prior to that he worked as a research physicist for nine years at the Geological Survey at the Department of Interior.

Hoyte's visit to Guyana was part of his effort to help improve the conditions in the country, according to his son Alfred Hoyte, Jr. The professor was a consultant to the Guyana Bauxite Company, a gold mine in which he was partial owner, Alfred Hoyte said.

The gold mine was going to be used for the benefit of the country by providing it with more financial power, said the son.

Dr. Hoyte was born in Georgetown, Guyana. He is survived by four children. His son and daughter, Michelle Hoyte both earned Bachelor of Science degrees in electrical engineering from Howard. His first wife, Wilhemina Hoyte, died in 1968.

"I felt grieved when I heard about Dr. Hoyte's death," said M. Lucius Walker, Dean of the School of Engineering. "Although he was an educator and a skilled researcher, he also heard and responded to the rhythms of a different drummer."

Wolsey Semple, a professor of computer science in the Engineering School said, "The School of Engineering has lost one of the best teachers this school has ever had."

It will take the school a long time to try to replace Dr. Hoyte, Semple added. "A person like him does not come along too often."

Hoyte's areas of specialization included solid state electronics, ultrasonics and microwave heating. During the course of his research career, he published articles in scientific journals and secured a number of patents.

In addition to his teaching career at Howard, Dr. Hoyte served as a consultant to Alcoa, Dow Chemical and the Guyana Bauxite Company. Most recently, he was a consultant to Microwave Fusion, Inc., functioning as the director of a project on microwave calcination of ores.

Hoyte visited Guyana at least two to three times each year, according to his son. This year, however, he has been to Guyana at least six times in the last four months to monitor the development of his project.

"Currently, the project is in need of financing," said Alfred Hoyte. "The financing was supposed to be used to purchase equipment that would mine the gold."

Although he was not directly involved with the project Alfred Hoyte said that he may act as a liaison for another company to help complete his father's work.

The professor received a Bachelor of Science degree from Long Island University in 1953, a Master of Science degree in 1957 from Howard University, and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from The Catholic University of America in 1963. He was a member of Sigma Pi Sigma, the American Physical Society, and the International Microwave Power Institute.

The former professor was commended on his teaching style by both students and colleagues.

Hoyte's eulogy, written by Dean Walker stated, "Frank's approach to teaching could be quite rigorous with an emphasis on the basics, and yet in informal situations, he established a genial, dynamic relationship with his students."

Walker added that Hoyte is remembered by students as a loving and caring person, an instructor who remembered your name even after years had gone by. He bolstered their confidence and self-esteem. That was a quality his students cherished.

Walker went on to say that Hoyte took time to share with students the experience he had gained from his entrepreneurial pursuits.

"He was the expert in the school," said Shawn Allen, a senior. "We are losing a lot of information. It's like burning all of your books in the fire."

"I even inquired to drop the class Dr. Hoyte was teaching if the new instructor is not up to par."



Attorney Alan Banov and Carolyn Ward. Ward is the plaintiff in a suit against Howard University Hospital.

Pregnant Nurse Sues Howard U. Hospital

Robert L. Frelow, Jr.
Hilltop Staff Reporter

A pregnant Howard University Hospital (HUH) employee has filed suit against HUH, seeking some \$600,000 for compensatory and punitive damages, according to clerk files at the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

Carolyn Ward, a 25-year-old resident of Silver Spring, Maryland and a registered nurse at Howard's Hospital for about two years, alleges she has "suffered extreme emotional distress because of (HUH's) refusal to let her work as a registered nurse in non-contagious areas," according to the complaint.

The complaint, dated Jan. 28, 1986, is part of a discrimination suit against HUH because hospital

employees required Ward to take leave without pay, rather than accommodating her requests. Her requests were "based on her doctor's advice, that she be transferred to wards without contagious patients or not assigned to treat patients with contagious diseases," according to Alan Banov, Ward's attorney.

On Oct. 3, 1985, Michael Goodman, the nurse's obstetrician, advised her not to participate in the care of patients in (HUH's) isolation wards because of her pregnancy, according to the complaint.

"She had a note from her doctor saying she should not treat patients with infectious diseases," said Francis Smith, acting general counsel in the University's Legal Affairs

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Jackson Discusses Campaign Ventures

Paul S. Burley
Hilltop Staff Reporter

"Can you imagine Reagan organizing a thought process I could not have?" asked the Rev. Jesse Jackson, 1984 presidential candidate, as he spoke during a two-day conference on "The Social and Political Implications of the Jesse Jackson Presidential Campaign" March 27 and 28 in the Blackburn Center west ballroom.

Jackson was the featured speaker for the conference's evening session on March 27 and explained why he ran for the presidency in 1984, the qualities for leadership and the meaning behind current political events.

The conference was sponsored by the Social Science Division of the College of Liberal Arts and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Lorenzo Morris, an associate professor in the Department of Political Science, chaired the event.

In a response to whether a Black should run for the presidency, Jackson said, "Rights unused are lost by law or atrocity. It is better to have run and lost than never to have run at all. To run is to move from the shadows of inferiority to the first level."

"I meant to beat John Glenn, (Gary) Hart, and (Walter) Mondale," Jackson added.

"From my background as a civil rights leader, as a human rights activist, I have an unselfish commitment to the people whose rights were violated."

"(I was) inspired by Dr. King and a whole body of leaders who made a commitment to put their lives on the line to put an end to the apartheid conditions in America."

Jackson said that there was a bigger issue at stake than just running for the White House, it was "to change the houses people were living in," more than getting the house he was running for.

"The campaign in the greater measure was not about a thoroughbred getting across the finish lines first, it was about a work horse pulling and tugging," Jackson said.

Running for the presidency requires "Message, masses, machinery, money, and mind." He stressed that a person needs to have a strong sense of mind, amid such things he called "spirit breakers," such as death threats, debates, challenges, unforeseen obstacles, and attempts to delete, distort, and discredit.

"I would advise anyone who would run to have a strong, elusive mind. It is a good thing to have but not an absolute necessity. Some people have run and have gotten elected without it," he said.

One issue Jackson discussed was his involvement in foreign offers in 1984. He said that government officials doubted that he knew what he was doing (getting involved in negotiations with Fidel Castro and rescuing Lt. Robert Goodman after his plane crash in Syria). Jackson said he learned foreign policy on a ship.

Jackson said, "What ship? they asked," and added "the middle



The Rev. Jesse Jackson spoke on the social and political concerns of his presidential campaign during a recent two-day conference at the University.

passage, I told them." "Our policy is an extension of domestic policy. We must break out of just being appraised and appraise ourselves. Power is in the eye of the appraiser," said Jackson.

"We have to appraise the mind that has the need to shed blood—we need to study the mind of those who want Rambo in the Third World."

He said that in Central America the Jews in Nicaragua say that they are not being threatened, and that in Brazil they say that the Sandinistas are not threatening them. "They are not fighting." He noted these facts to question U.S. involvement in Central America.

Reemphasizing many of the implications behind his campaign Jackson said, "We cannot deal with kids on drugs and liquor but praise the mentality and moral decadence that causes it."

"We established in the campaign the significance of the Black vote. The Black vote has been counted on but not counted. The absence of the Black vote is our doomsday and hey-

day of fascism is this country," he said.

Jackson said that he was right in running for the presidency. "As (Ferdinand) Marcos needed to leave the Philippines and as Botha needs to join him (in leaving South Africa), we were right."

"We were not mostly Black or mostly broke, we were mostly right. If you are right God fights your battles."

Jackson also said that if Black people get access to more opportunities, they would advance. "If we get access to the broader market we will break it," he said.

Jackson said that if Black people are sober and serious they can do anything. "When you look at Reagan and Bush can you imagine them having a thought Walter Mondale wouldn't have? Can you imagine Bush's or Reagan's thoughts (superior to) Dr. (Martin Luther) King's?" Jackson said that there is nothing Black people cannot do that anyone else could not do.

Harrisingh Speaks On Black Forum

Linda King
Hilltop Staff Reporter

John Harrisingh, president of the College Republicans at Howard University, was a featured panelist on March 16 during a discussion on the status of Republicans in the Black community sponsored by America's Black Forum (ABF).

Hosted by Julian Bond, a leading civil rights activists and Georgia state legislator since 1965, the program, was aired March 16, on Channel 32, also included as panelists, Clarence Thomas, Equal Employment Opportunity Commissioner, and Elaine B. Jenkins, chairperson of the Preservation of the Two-Party System, who defended their role as Black Republicans.

With the changing composition of the Black community the growing gap between the very low-income and the very high income, there has also been slight changes in political focus, said Glenn Threatt, National Urban League president.



John Harrisingh, president of the College Republicans at Howard.

According to Thomas, its almost a crime to be pluralistic in the Black Community because Blacks believe that a "united front" must be kept up in order to survive as a community. However, in order to be able to exist in a two-party system there must be "players on both sides of the table," he said.

"There are simply not enough Blacks making decisions about concerns that are sensitive to the Black community," said Thomas.

"Republican policies should not be expected to be either conscious or representative of the Black community when 90 percent of their vote is going to the Democratic party."

According to Harrisingh, the Black Republican should no longer be thought of as "a rare animal in a national zoo," but as another opportunity for the Black community to become politically powerful.

As president of the Republican organization on Howard's campus, which is one of the few student organizations active in issues concerning Black Republicans, Harrisingh has had a lot of exposure as a politically active student.

In addition to serving as president of College Republicans at Howard, he is president of the Political Science Honor Society, a member of the 21st Century PAC, a Black political action committee and a participant in the Council One-hundred an organization of Black Republicans.

Harrisingh said that his philosophy differs somewhat from the conservatives in the party; he considers himself a progressive republican.

"I don't think we are ready to cut out the welfare or affirmative action programs as of yet," said Harrisingh. "However, I do believe in a hands-off business economy and a strong defense."

"Young people are making a big impact on the political scene today," Harrisingh said. Of the large voter turn-out in the 1984 elections approximately 64 percent of the youth in America voted.

This has directed the attention of many politicians toward mobilizing them, he said. With their big voters turn-out in the 1984 elections—approximately 64 percent voted—many politicians are seeking a chance to mobilize them, he added.

Panelists Judge How Media Affected Jackson Campaign

Cedric Smith
Hilltop Staff Reporter

The influence of the media on the Rev. Jesse Jackson's presidential campaign was the main focus of a session entitled "Modes of Political Participation" held March 28, in the Blackburn Center auditorium.

Oscar Gandy, assistant professor of Arts and Sciences at Howard University, cited the fact that Blacks are less informed about political matters than Whites.

"Blacks (those who vote) mostly rely on the reports given in the newspapers to decide on their candidate for president," said Gandy.

Intensive research performed by Gandy proved that newspapers were a weakness to Jackson's campaign and that his television image was the strongest force during the campaign.

Gandy conducted three surveys. One included 316 people, 211 and the other with 255. All three surveys dealt with how these individuals use the media to view the qualities and personality of Jackson during the election.

The survey showed that during the pre-primary election Blacks who were mainly newsreaders felt as though Jackson was not a qualified candidate. During the mid-primary newsreaders' views were about the same. By the post-election the readers' views about Jackson became more bitter.

Newspapers gave a negative image of Jackson, according to Tom Cavanaugh, a representative of the National Research Council (NRC). The NRC, founded and supported by Howard, research political issues to observe what effect they have on the Black community.

Cavanaugh said, "The medium (newspaper) feels free to attack Jackson in his absence. The news reporters, mostly White men, control

the perception that the readers have are those in which they read."

A microscopic view of the Black turnout was performed by Leslie Agard-Jones, assistant professor of African American history at William Paterson College in Paterson, N.Y.

He discovered that in the predominantly Black district Jackson received 34 percent of the votes. In the White community he received only two percent; however, in the mixed district community he received 54 percent.

From Jones' survey, Cavanaugh concluded that the Blacks in the mixed community were able to afford both a newspaper and a television to make their decision on the candidate. Jones noticed the newsreaders' negative response in Paterson, but Cavanaugh said that it was the same throughout America.

"On the contrary, television gave a positive image of Jackson during the campaign since it is done in first person with no middle man trying to interpret what Jackson said," Cavanaugh commented. "The viewer has the opportunity to form his own opinion about Jackson."

According to the survey compiled by Gandy, television viewers believed Jackson was honest, Black appeal, intelligence and personal gain. The viewers positive attributes to Jackson remained throughout the election.

Gandy and Cavanaugh both commented that a lack of money for television advertisements hurt the Jackson campaign. Cavanaugh said, "If he (Jackson) would have had money, then he could have broken through the wall of skepticism that all Black figures must face."

Jones Elected Nat'l B.S.U. Pres.

Sheila Rae Mitchell
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Nancy Jones is the first Howard University student and the tenth woman to be elected national president of the Baptist Student Union last month in Nashville, Tenn.

The election took place during the organization's annual conference. The Baptist Student Union is the largest Christian fellowship for Black college students in the country, according to Jones. The organization,

which is open to students of all denominations, exists on campuses throughout the country and has over 50,000 members, she said.

A native of Redbank, New Jersey, Jones is a sophomore in the College of Fine Arts. The arts management major explained, "I want to work in a business environment with an emphasis on the arts. I'd like to get more Blacks involved in the arts and more positive images of Blacks in the arts."

The Howard University BSU meets on Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. in

Rankin Chapel. Jones said that its purpose is to encourage all Christians to edify the kingdom of Jesus Christ. She explained that the members do so by conducting studies, prayer meetings, study groups, and holding programs for occasions such as Black history month.

"My main responsibility as national president of the Baptist Student Union is to organize next year's national conference which will be held March 19-22 in Birmingham, Ala.," Jones explained.

"I also would like to try to get BSU on every campus in the country and some day I would like to see us have national conferences with the White BSU's," she added.

Jones said that on predominantly White campuses, within the BSU's there exists an organization for Black students called Harambee or, "Let's Pull Together." She explained that the White BSU's, which were founded before the Black organizations, do not hold national conferences.

Jones, who has been a member of the Howard University BSU for two years, said that as national president of the organization she plans to attend some of the state conferences in order to meet other students and help increase membership in the BSU.

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in from senior students that were in a state of disrepair and I think that's a reflection on the faculty. Kaggwa should not have suspended the laboratory paper "because it's a learning tool," Jeffers said.

Jahed said the students "learned enough, did a fairly good job (and) if they did not gain anything in 24 weeks then two more weeks" would not have made much difference. He said that the staff was informed about publishing an issue during Howard's Spring break but "the students produced four pages of paper and left it because they wanted to go to Spring vacation.... They must adhere to responsibility and deadlines," he said. "That (termination) by itself is a lesson for students."

He added that the faculty wants to bring in professionals to supervise students who produce the weekly paper.

In a faculty meeting on April 1, faculty members voted to take certain steps to improve the newspaper's quality. Kaggwa, chairman of the paper's policy board said the steps include: establishing a newsroom equipped with telephones, video display terminals (VDTs) "and everything that goes into a professional newsroom"; creating three positions one of which is a full-time faculty member with journalism experience to supervise the entire operation of the paper and two other positions for experienced newspaper journalists who would provide leadership in writing, editing and production. Another move desired by the faculty would be "to develop and initiate an advertising course to train advertising personnel at the newspaper. Kaggwa said these steps will be recommended to Howard President James Cheek via the School of Communications Acting Dean Orlando Taylor.

Ken Fealing, Coordinator of the paper said that he along with Jahed suggested its suspension because the "organizational structure needed to be evaluated.... I guess the (policy) board decided that now would be the

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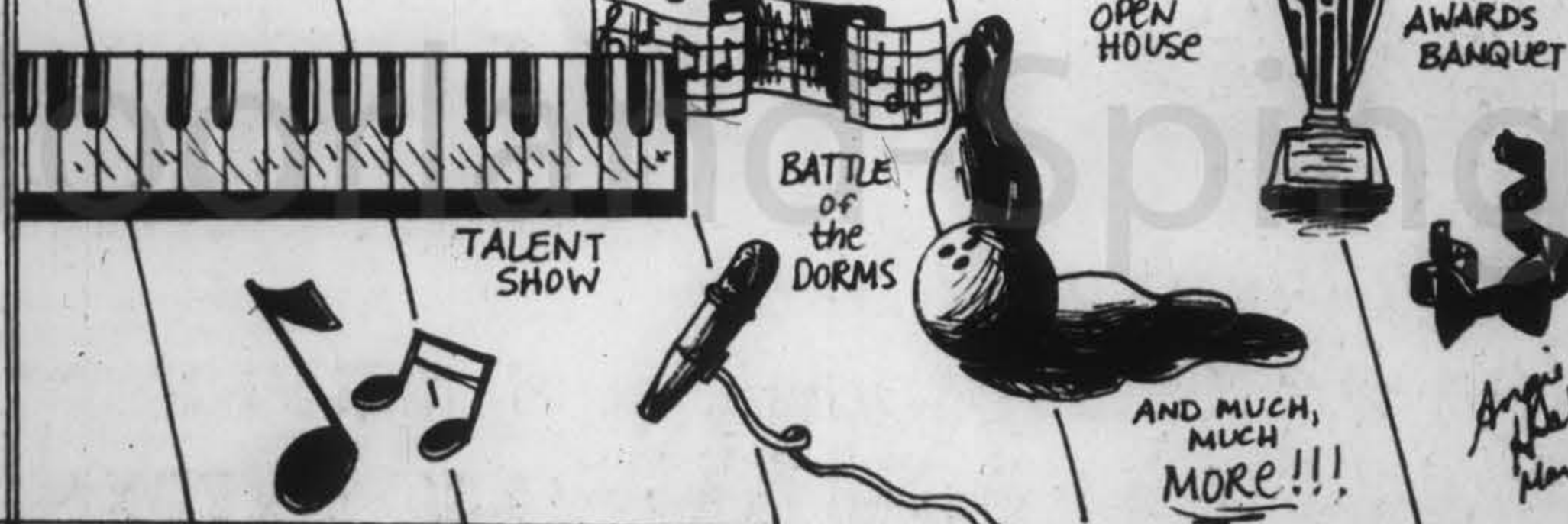
Nancy Jones is the first Howard student to be elected National President of the Baptist Student Union.

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'64 Civil Rights Act Protects Against Bias Toward Pregnancy

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The Pregnancy Discrimination Act, an amendment to the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibits discrimination on the basis of pregnancy, childbirth, or other related medical conditions. Any violation of this act is labeled sex discrimination.

The Act was enacted to ensure that women are treated the same as other employees on the basis of their ability or inability to perform their job. A woman cannot be discriminated against as long as she can perform the major functions necessary to the job.

The Act does not require employers to establish any type of additional health insurance for pregnant women. However, the employer's insurance policy must cover the expenses of the pregnancy or related condition as well as other medical conditions, without imposing additional or larger deductibles. The health insurance policy does not have to cover the expense of an abortion, unless the mother's life is in danger.

Pregnant women must be permitted to work as long as they are able to perform the job. They may also return to work as soon as possible after giving birth or at their discretion. An employer must keep the job

open for the employees on the same basis as any other employee returning from sick or disability leave.

According to Julia Williams, an employee at Howard, the University complies with this policy in her case because there is no point during pregnancy that she is required to leave.

The Pregnancy Discrimination Act requires that jobs be held open for child care on the same basis that jobs are held open for employees on non-medical leave. If an employer allows leave for travel or education, he must allow leave for infant care on the same basis.

Howard University follows these rules set up by the Civil Rights Act of 1964, according to Williams. The maximum leave time that an employee may take is six months. A Howard employee may use her sick leave or annual leave pay, but the University does not supply maternity benefits.

Although Williams does not feel discriminated against in any way by the University policy, she would like to see some changes made. Williams said she would like women to be paid while on pregnancy leave. She would like to see the University supply six weeks of pay or benefits while the expectant mother is out of working, also.



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District to Impose Fine With Safety Belt Law

Tickets for not buckling up will range from \$15 to \$25

Robin Lindsay
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Beginning June 12, 1986, DC residents will no longer have the freedom to decide whether they will or will not wear seat belts. Fines for drivers and passengers who fail to "buckle up" will range from \$15 to \$25.

Program Analyst Marian Tomassoni, of The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said, "Drivers are responsible for passengers five to 16 years old." This division of the law requirement will be operating under secondary enforcement, meaning that if the driver is stopped for another offense, he could be fined \$15, she said.

"I shouldn't be fined for not wearing a seat belt because police discriminate when giving tickets," said Kenneth Coble, a Broadcast Journalism major at Howard. Coble added that the safety belt law will probably be enforced like the jay walking law is; enforcement is seldom, and ticket recipients are select.

"I ask my passengers to wear seat belts, but I don't force them," said Gary Christian, an Electronic Engineering major at UDC. "I think the safety belt law is a good one, because statistics prove that seat belts save lives," he added.

Director of the Transportation Safety Program, Maurice Veal said, "Any child under three must be in a safety seat, and children under five must be in a safety seat or belt while riding in a car." A \$25 fine will be charged for this division of the law, which also operates under secondary enforcement. The \$25 fine will be waived, Veal said, if a parent shows proof of purchase of a car seat. Veal said that passengers over 16 are responsible for themselves, and will be fined \$15 for not wearing a safety belt.

"I think that wearing seat belts is a good idea," said Joyce Stone, a Northwest DC resident. She said that she tells her two children to buckle up for safety. Stone said that she believes that the majority of people realize the importance of safety belts and will follow the law.

Race Mixing: Still 'Touchy' White America Remains the Most Disproving

Donna Harris
Hilltop Staff Reporter

According to associate professor Alvin Poussaint in the Harvard Medical School Psychiatry division, White Americans remain the most disapproving of interracial marriages in comparison to White Europeans. There is strong disapproval also in some sections of the Black community.

In an August 1983 issue of Ebony magazine article Poussaint wrote, "mixed couples have always enjoyed more freedom abroad than at home."

"Although no data on interracial marriages has been completed, most say that they should be fairly stable, since in some ways the couples are pushed closer together by outside pressures," Poussaint said.

"The problems interracial couples face are so broad that it is hard to put your finger on a specific few," said Beth Alton, who works at The Counseling Service of Washington.

"Most tend to get a lot of pressure from friends, and especially from family members. Most couples tend to get into a network or retreat into either Black or White groups," according to Alton.

Alton went on to say that she did not know of any data concerning whether or not the divorce rate is higher or lower with interracial couples than with non-interracial couples.

"I see nothing wrong with mixed racial couples. They have the most beautiful kids. I feel that most white men prefer not to get involved with Black women because of the fear of pressure from both Blacks and Whites, including family and friends," said a White male student at Howard who asked not to be identified.

"If society was free of racism, and if we had not gone through oppression I would date a White girl," said Kenneth Coble, a Broadcast Journalism major at Howard. Coble said that he felt many prominent Blacks marry Whites for political reasons, for prestige, and not for love.

"According to the latest figures from the U.S. Bureau of Census, there were 132,000 Black-White married couples in 1981, a drop from the 167,000 reported in 1980. Of this number, 104,000 couples consisted of Black husbands and White wives, and 28,000 couples consisted of Black wives and White husbands," according to Poussaint.

Although the number of Black males marrying White females is higher than that of Black females marrying White males, only two percent of the total number of Black males in the U.S. are married to White females.

"Many interracial couples get married for various reasons. Some get married to rebel against certain people or their families," said Anne Burrows, who works at the Family

Counseling Service in Chevy Chase, MD.

Michelle, (not her real name) a sophomore in the College of Liberal Arts said, "I don't feel there's anything wrong with interracial relationships, but I prefer a Black man because I don't want my children to have to question which family they'd relate to or which societal background they will identify with."

Burrows said that one of the problems that usually occurs is that many tend to blame the things that are external instead of looking at the problems that are within themselves. "This could first be healthy because you've gotten the problem out of your system," said Burrows.

"I don't particularly care for interracial marriages. I think that Blacks should be with Blacks and Whites should be with Whites," said a student at Howard who asked not to be identified.

T. Denise Asbury, a senior in the School of Communications, said "I think such relationships whether dating or married are disgusting. It is important that we as a people appreciate our Black males and females enough to strive for positive relationships with each other. Granted, race-mixing is evident by our different shades of Blackness due to the slave master's rape and the slave mistress' threat of yelling rape, but we do not have to willingly perpetuate that type of sickness just because we're curious about how they are between the sheets."

Poets Converge to Pay Tribute to Afro-American Publishing Company

Laura Bigman
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Poets came from as far away as Louisiana to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library on March 26th to celebrate the survival of Lotus Press Inc. and pay tribute to Naomi Long Madgett who has run the Detroit-based company since 1974.

Lotus Press is the only company consistently publishing Afro-American poetry today—the "long-distance runner" among the many small Black-owned publishing houses which sprang up during the 1960's. With 59 titles in print, Lotus represents over 40 poets, including Dudley Randall, Haki R. Madhubuti, May Miller, Houston Baker and E. Ethelbert Miller.

The celebration was originally the idea of Delores Kendrick, former editor of the Howard University literary journal *Dasein*, who organized the benefit in collaboration with other Washington-based poets such as Gwendolyn Brooks Poetry Consultant to the Library of Congress, and E. Ethelbert Miller, Director of Howard University's Afro-American Resource Center.

According to Kendrick, Lotus Press is unique in allowing Afro-Americans to express themselves in their own voices. "One of our problems is that we are often dictated to what we should write. We are told

what the Black experience is, it's always been defined for us. Those of us who don't fit that definition have great difficulty being published," Kendrick said.

"Naomi encourages writers who have a distinctive voice," Kendrick added, "and she doesn't define what that voice should be."

The diversity of Lotus poets was evident in the reading at the library which ranged from the personal to the political, and the historical to the universal. The poetry was, in turn, declaratory, lyrical, narrative, and humorous.

Toi Derriotte, whose themes include women as mothers or wives, was one of the poets who expressed appreciation to Madgett for "keeping our work alive, our words alive, in a world that would probably like to see us shut up." Before reading a poem about Harriet Tubman, scholar Sam Allen compared Madgett to Tubman, calling the publisher's courage and dedication part of the heroic tradition of Black women.

Gwendolyn Brooks followed her poetry presentation with a prose "Naomi Alphabet" she had written on the spot—starting with A for amazing, B for beautiful, C for choice, D for daring, and a \$300 check.

Madgett, whose own poetry has

been published in six volumes and over 85 anthologies, thanked the poets she has worked with for enriching her life. She said seeing their books on the shelves of bookstores and libraries has become more important to her than her own writing.

Benefit organizers stressed that these are hard times for small businesses in general, and for small presses—especially those publishing poetry. "If Lotus were to stop publishing, people would feel the gap," said E. Ethelbert Miller.

In urging the public to support Madgett's venture, Kendrick warned, "If Naomi were to go under, so far as I know, there would be no Black publisher available to Black poets. The whole racist business is still alive and opportunities for Black poets come twice as hard." "Buy books," she said.

Some Lotus editions are available at Common Concerns Bookstore in Washington D.C. Those who want to become familiar with Lotus publications can borrow them from Howard University's Afro-American Resource Center. In addition, Lotus poet May Miller, who has been described as one of Washington's senior poets, will be presenting a reading at Martin Luther King, Jr. library on Thursday, April 10th at 7:30 p.m.

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International News

Pretoria Ends Ban on Winnie Mandela:

Tutu Seeks Punitive Sanctions

Funwako Dlamini
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Bishop Desmond M. Tutu, 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner, has called for "punitive" economic sanctions against South Africa. Speaking during a press conference Wednesday in Johannesburg, Tutu called for all foreign companies to move out of South Africa since they have failed to "push" the Pretoria government for major reforms.

Tutu's announcement for punitive sanctions followed the proposal he made in Washington in January that "if American companies that do business in South Africa will not push the Pretoria government...by March 31, I will call for punitive sanctions."

In South Africa, under the Security Act, to call for economic sanction is a crime punishable by treason. When asked if he first considered such consequences, Tutu said that he will make any justifiable statement that is aimed at ending apartheid "regardless of the cost."

There are more than 300 United States companies that do business in South Africa.

Recently, a number of American companies, including Citibank and Coca-Cola, have announced plans for economic and educational programs for Blacks. Coca-Cola, for example, sponsored a \$10 million education program to assist South African students abroad.

In another development, the South African government abandoned its banning order on Winnie Mandela Wednesday and allowed her to return to her home in Soweto.

Mandela was put under house confinement in Brandfont, Orange Free State, about 150 miles from Johannesburg since 1961 immediately after her husband was sentenced to life imprisonment.



Bishop Desmond M. Tutu speaking during a press conference called for punitive sanctions against Pretoria.

Since then, Mandela was forbidden travel opportunities and was not allowed to speak to more than one person at a time (including her family members).

After her Brandfont house was firebombed in December, Mandela openly challenged the government's restrictions orders by returning to Soweto.

In January, Mandela was arrested three times for contravening the orders and each time she was taken back to Brandfont.

In Washington, A State Department spokesperson Bernard Kalb said "the Reagan Administration was

pleased by the lifting of the banning orders."

There are speculations that such action was taken in order to prepare for the release of her husband Nelson Mandela.

The Pretoria government made a proposal in February that it will release Mandela either before Easter or by July.

Mandela is currently serving his sentence in Pollsmoor Central Prison near Cape Town after being transferred from Robben Island about 25 miles off the coast of Cape Town.

Cape Town is South Africa's legislative capital, while Pretoria is its administrative capital.

ANC Official Condemns Racism At Moscow Conference

Alexander Grigoryev
Special to the Hilltop

South African President Pieter W. Botha cancelled the state of emergency March 7, but he is still failing to resolve the complicated problems facing the country and failing to improve the position of Blacks. Instead, his move was designed to ensure Western support, according to Alfred Nzo, secretary general of the African National Congress (ANC).

According to Nzo, who was in Moscow for two weeks at the invitation of the Communist Party during its 27th Convention, Botha continues to link southern African problems with the withdrawal of the Cuban forces assisting the Angolan government in repelling aggression by Pretoria and Savimbi bands.

"It is absolutely essential for the international community to press for the implementation of the United Nations Resolution which calls for the independence of Namibia," Nzo said.

According to Nzo, Botha's main aim is to revive "constructive engagement" with the Reagan Administration, which he said is opposing the progress and self-determination of the southern African peoples.

Nzo went on to say that the action taken by the Reagan Administration, is evidence that it does not support the freedom struggle.

Nzo said that with the material and moral support it receives from the United States, Savimbi's bands attacked the town of Andrada and seized 150 hostages. Among the hostages were Britons, West Germans, Portuguese and Filipinos.

Nzo said that no matter how hard Botha and Reagan may try to preserve apartheid, their efforts are doomed to failure because opposition is mounting throughout the world.

Nzo said that there is also growing support of the ANC within the white community in South Africa.

Nzo cited the Freedom Charter of the ANC stating, "The country belongs to all the people who live in it—[regardless of color, religion or creed], and no government can justly have authority unless it is based on the will of all the people."

"The program shows the kind of future we are fighting for. It can come about only with the destruction of the aggressive apartheid system," Nzo said.

Nzo pointed out the importance of the movement launched in the United

States in support of the South African people's struggle against apartheid. "The emergence of the Free South Africa movement in the United States has tremendous impact on the struggle of our people," he said.

Nzo said the oppressed people of South Africa have come to recognize that in the United States they have friends who are opposed to collaboration between apartheid and the Reagan Administration.

He went on to say that such collaboration is designed to further entrench apartheid.

"It is the Free South African movement that made them see how close to disaster they are," Nzo said.

Nzo said that the policy of the Soviet Union toward southern Africa, is the main factor which makes it possible to hope for settlement of the problems...according to the interests of the people.

"We are highly inspired by the reaffirmation of the Soviet internationalist policy of continuously supporting the struggle of people who are still fighting for a happy life in their respective countries," Nzo said.

(Alexander Grigoryev is a correspondent for Novosti Press Agency

World in Brief

OTTAWA--Canada, a gunman posing as a delivery man entered the Bahamaian Embassy and held three hostages and demanded the release of a prison inmate Wednesday.

None of the hostages were reported injured and authorities are believed to be negotiating with the gunman.

POMONA--Mexico, Mexicana Airline Boeing 727, which was en route from Mexico City to Los Angeles, "burst into flames" before it hit a 7,700 foot peak shortly after takeoff Tuesday.

One hundred and forty-one passengers, including crew members, have been killed. According to the US Embassy in Mexico City, there were nine Americans aboard the airplane.

In less than a year, Mexico has experienced two major disasters, following a major earthquake last September which claimed more than 2,000 lives.

MANILA--Philippines, The Presidential commission on Good Government Tuesday revealed documents allegedly disclosing \$100 million deposited in a Swiss bank account by President Ferdinand Marcos.

According to Jovito Salonga, chairman of the commission, "Marcos first secretly opened his Swiss account of \$1 million in 1967."

WASHINGTON--According to "secret" information that is believed to have leaked to the press, the United States has secretly persuaded Egypt to openly "oppose Libya."

According to the UPI report, the Reagan Administration's maneuvering failed when Egypt refused the proposal.

ATHENS--Greece, Four Americans were killed Wednesday when a bomb exploded in the cabin of a Trans World Airlines (TWA) jetline at 15,000 feet altitude.

An anonymous telephone call in Beirut from a group calling itself Arab Revolutionary Cell claimed responsibility for the bombing.

Bank Increases Loans to Latin, Caribbean States

Chinyere Emeruwa
Hilltop Staff Reporter

The attainment of self-subsistency, through the development of agriculture, industries, a hydroelectric power plant, and the improvement of the health of people in Latin America and the Caribbean nations, has been the goal of the Inter-American Development Bank, and the Pan American Health Organization.

The Inter-American Development Bank, which is made up of 43 members, 25 of which are from the Caribbean and the Latin American nations, lends money for the development of any sector of its member's economy.

A report issued by the bank showed that "17 percent of the 30.2 million acres of irrigated land in Latin America," were financed by the bank. Moreover, productivity per acre has increased, the report said.

Due to its emphasis on promoting self-sufficiency among member nations, in 1979 the bank lent \$115,000 to a cooperative organization in the Sonsonate Province of El Salvador to start an experimental food processing plant. The plant processed "tomato products and pineapple and mango jams," products which are consumed locally.

Because of the success of the experimental project, the bank lent an additional \$385,000 to the cooperative, to help it expand the plants capacity, according to the bank's report.

The report continued that 1,152 tons of farm produce is expected to be processed by the plant by its third year of operation.

Furthermore, the bank is helping to promote self-sufficiency in other member countries.

In Brazil, the bank has financed the construction of "1,640 miles of rural roads in the state of Panama" according to its report, to help promote agricultural productivity in that country.

In Honduras, a \$3 million loan to fishermen, has increased fish production to 1,152 tons.

tion in the country from 680 tons in 1975 to 2,500 tons in 1985.

The bank lent \$4 million to Argentina for the construction of a hydroelectric power plant, a necessity for the development of industry in the country.

Although the bank is willing to loan money to member nations, Goephalis said certain requirements have to be met before such loans are made.

According to Harry Goephalis, the ability of the country to carry out (the project) and finance part of the project, "is essential since the bank does not finance 100 percent of the project. The country has to demonstrate that it can execute the project, he said.

Goephalis said the problem facing the bank now in financing projects in member countries is that they cannot contribute their own share of the cost of the project, due to the economic crisis they are experiencing.

Another requirement is that the bank must have representatives in such countries who will act as liaison between the bank and the countries seeking loans. These representatives supervise how the loans are spent.

The bank raises money from capital contribution which members pay, and sometimes by "borrowing money from European capital markets," said Goephalis.

Although the U.S. makes the Organization, has made its priority the "solving of nutritional problems" in the Americas, through research and development programs, and through the improvement and distribution of food supply.

According to the organization malnutrition is still a problem

in some countries, however, the organization has set out work with governments to help correct this problem.

A report issued by the organization said that the infant mortality rate has declined "in half the Americas between 1960 and 1980." The report continued that adequate sanitation "and health care coverages have been extended to millions."

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Funwako Dlamini
Hilltop Staff Reporter

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Designed for students 18 years and older, the program unites volunteers from many countries to live and work together on community development projects in a number of countries, including Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Germany, Portugal, and the United States.

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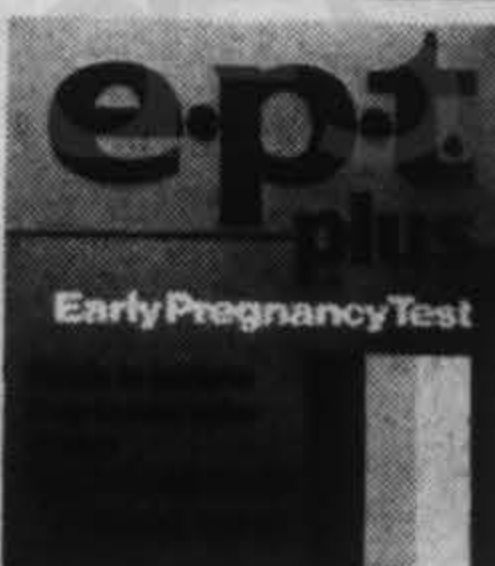
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Editorials



Mayor Barry's Credibility Poses Problem

Mayor Marion Barry heads an administration which has a credibility problem big enough to become the dominant issue in this year's mayoral campaign.

The problem is that the D.C. Government has been rocked by a series of corruption scandals involving some of Barry's closest aides and that many D.C. residents have become very distrustful of the Mayor as a result of his handling of the prison site issue.

The incidents of official corruption are well documented. The most shocking case was the case of Ivanhoe Donaldson, a former mayor and Barry's campaign manager, who was jailed for misappropriating over \$190,000 from a special city fund. Another city official in the department of Employment Services was jailed for stealing city funds, and Deputy Mayor for Finance Alphonse Hill is currently under investigation for allegedly receiving questionable payments.

The Mayor has not been directly linked to any cases of misusing public funds, but he has not gone entirely untouched in the series of scandals which have plagued his administration. No one can forget that the Mayor's close association with a woman convicted of selling drugs tarnished his image and left his loyal constituents unconvinced of his innocence.

Barry has also lost the confidence of many of his most staunch supporters over the prison site issue. This time the mayor is charged, not with looking out for his own interest, but with being insensitive to their (his grassroots supporters) interests and concerns. Many D.C. residents are convinced that the location of any prison site within the District will depend on the area the mayor considers

least politically liable. The manner in which the issue has been handled up to now has only heightened the distrust of the residents of the less affluent neighborhoods. The creation of a temporary jail facility in a residential N.E. neighborhood is a strong indication that the Mayor would rather anger his Black constituency than confront the powerful real estate interest.

So where does the issue of the Mayor's credibility leave his chances for re-election? Barry's re-election will no doubt hinge on whether anyone can galvanize enough support for an anti-corruption platform and organize effectively against Barry's burgeoning political machine.

Barry, in the meantime, is not waiting to be taken. Although he has not officially announced plans for re-election, his un-official campaign committee has already raised almost \$150,000, which has come mostly from big business and real estate interests. His opponents have raised less than \$10,000 among them. The mayor has also taken the potentially explosive prison site issue to the community streets and as election time draws near he will no doubt demand that the federal government take responsibility to solve the problem.

For now, Barry must stand behind his overall success in spurring economic development within the District, but the larger question of his credibility still remains unanswered. However, allowing corruption to thrive under his administration is a betrayal of the public trust. Rev. Jesse Jackson said recently in an on-campus address that a Black politician must have moral appeal and that he (the politician) has the obligation not to bring shame on his people. It seems as if Mayor Barry has failed on both counts.

Torin Sanders

Graduation Brings Responsibility

Graduation fever is rising all over campus. At this time of year, Seniors are both tense and elated at the prospect of receiving that long sought after Howard degree. But as the celebrations are being planned, it's important that Seniors here are also thinking about what they, as graduates, mean. It means that they are rare and that they have a responsibility.

On the face of it, there seems to be much evidence of progress of Blacks in higher education. For example, Gerald Gill in his book, "Meanness Mania", reveals that from 1970-1977, Black college enrollment increased 111.3 percent. The early 80's saw over one million Blacks in the ranks of higher education. But these numbers are not as impressive as one might be led to believe. For example, enrollment figures for 1976-77 revealed that half of all Blacks in higher education were enrolled in two-year or community colleges. By 1984, that figure, as reported in a paper entitled "Saving the African American Child" done by the National Alliance of Black School Educators, (NABSE) had decreased to 1/3. In addition, the report noted that many of the programs in the community colleges in which Blacks were enrolled, did not give credits towards a baccalaureate degree.

Howard Seniors are a part of a rare group for another reason. According to the NABSE report, while 75 percent of all White high school graduates go to college, only 20 percent of Black high school graduates go on to college. Moreover, only 12 percent of Blacks who enter higher education actually complete college. This collegiate attrition rate, due to many reasons, is evidenced in a microcosm right here at Howard.

Seniors who have endured Howard for the past four, or more years, have witnessed a great deal. In the last four years, Howard has unveiled a modern School of Business and Public Administration. The School of Business, according to Howard's new brochure, "has one of the fastest growing enrollments of any school or college in the University." Thirteen million dollars was spent on the construction of the new building to accommodate the rising number of applicants for business and computer training. Surely, nothing is wrong with learning the secrets of finance and computer programming and operation. However, unless we are learning not only how to operate a computer, but how, in essence, to make computers obsolete, then we are only training our people to be slaves to the whim and fancy of the

modern world's latest technological craze.

Once we were trained to work the cotton gin, then till the land Booker T. Washington-style, then trained to work in factories when manufacturing was in vogue. Now, as manufacturing is thrown into the trash can of technology-history, and service-industry is the word, we are trained for computers. All the while however, we never rise to the cutting edge of industry, at the stage of planning and innovation which would earn Black people both money and respect.

College graduation has traditionally meant entrance into an educated, skilled, and elitist middle class. Howard graduates have, historically, typified this sort of individual. Yet, unlike Howardites of times past, who graduated with the notion that their graduation was reducing the number of poverty-stricken Blacks, today's Howard graduate is faced with the disturbing growth of an "underclass" or what sociologist E. Franklin Frazier called, "a large, degraded, urban proletariat." Today, there are no illusions that the masses of Blacks will rise economically with a college degree.

Surprisingly enough, the growth of the Black middle class during the 1970's, as a result of affirmative ac-

tion, seems to have had a disheartening effect. Instead of fueling hopes of eventual success for all Blacks, the growth of an underclass in the face of middle class expansion has reinforced the notion that this country is dead against any mass re-alignment in the social/economic position of Blacks.

Black college graduates have a responsibility, by virtue of their rarity, to understand these forces in motion and to formulate viable plans of action. Howard's relation with the community, as many students know, is poor. It is indicative of the larger misunderstanding between the Blacks of varying class. Something must be done. Howard graduates, as future leaders, must be a vital part of any effort to re-establish the old lines of communication.

Howard graduates should be aware. On May 10, we will listen to the speeches and will rejoice the accomplishments of the last few years. Hopefully, the Bison spirit will overcome the new alumni and will be used constructively, with an eye towards the future, a foot in the present, and an ear to the whispers of the past.

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Andrew Skerritt

Poor Foreign Policy, Media Manipulation

As an aspiring Black Journalist, I have become increasingly concerned over the recent developments off the Libyan coast and in Central America, and the Reagan Administration's gross manipulation of the mass media to accomplish dubious foreign policy objectives.

Last week, the U.S. Navy's 6th fleet engaged in a brief combat with several Libyan battleships in disputed waters. With the claims and counter claims, what really happened in the Gulf of Sidra may never be known. However, fairly reliable reports indicate that several Libyan gunboats were sunk, but the U.S. ships received no damage. What happened off the Libyan coast is not only a demonstration of reckless U.S. power, but one of the most blatant acts of provocation ever witnessed in that volatile region.

The official reason given for holding the military exercises in disputed waters was to show American support for international law in regard to the shipping lanes in the area. However, the unofficial reason for the exercise was to provoke a confrontation with Libyan leader Muammar Kaddafi in order to punish him for supposedly supporting international terrorism.

Whichever rationale we take, both

claims are preposterous. First, the United States refused to sign the Law of the Sea Convention, hence it is ironic that a nation which has refused to sign an agreement would go to war to protect or uphold the terms of that agreement.

Second, the unofficial reason is strategically unsound. The exchange between the Libyan and the U.S. military was a conventional battle, limited to conventional weapons. Conventional warfare, by its very nature, is ineffective against terrorism and is never applied as an anti-terrorism strategy.

Are we now to believe that the limited engagement in the Gulf of Sidra can stop or even deter terrorism? The answer is an emphatic no! Conversely, the U.S. provocation is very likely to spur on any would-be terrorist who is convinced, now more than ever, that their opposition to the United States is justified.

My concern over the situation in Central America, specifically Nicaragua, stems from the Reagan Administration's persistence with a policy that has consistently failed for over a century. President Reagan is firmly committed to the overthrow of the ruling Sandinista government.

Consistent with policy, he has pushed for congressional support of

the Contra rebels who are trying to overthrow the Nicaraguan government. The House of Representatives has rejected the President's request for \$100 million in military aid to the Contras, but the Senate voted to support the aid package.

With the recent clashes between the Contras and the Sandinistas and heightened tension in the area, it is very likely that President Reagan will soon get his requested aid. What this means is that U.S. military equipment will continue to increase the death toll in Central America, all in an effort to defeat the President's menacing spectre-communism.

This also means that the U.S. has decided to follow a foreign policy line which has sent billions of dollars worth of military equipment and thousands of American soldiers into Central America costing thousands of innocent lives (especially Central American lives).

U.S. foreign policy has also failed to alleviate the poverty and oppression of the over-whelming masses of the region. Any policy with such a record of failure should be revised.

What I find to be the most disturbing trend, however, is Reagan's gross manipulation of the mass media.

On March 16, the President took to

the airwaves to put the Contra aid issue before the American people. Instead of laying the foundation for an educated public debate, the President only succeeded in delivering one of the most outrageous, "red-baiting" speeches, ostensibly designed to awaken Americans to the existence of a communist threat on their doorstep.

The intense propaganda has continued unrelentingly, especially in the White House's news releases on the apparent Nicaraguan-Honduran conflict.

Meanwhile, the news media have willingly served the Administration's design by neglecting to give the American people an enlightened historical perspective of American foreign policy in Central America. Past failures by the news media helped make the worst of the disaster in Vietnam.

It is important that the media, in fulfilling its vital role in America's democracy, resist further manipulation and prevent future errors. Failure to do so can only mean continued perversion of this democracy which the Reagan Administration is so committed to preserve.

—Andrew Skerritt is Editorial Editor for the Hilltop

Letters to The Editor

Dear Editor:

Who among us can say we are not affected by our family life, or by the lack of one? Today, so many concerned Americans fear that irreparable harm is being inflicted upon our nation's future, due to the disintegration of American family life impacting on our children. In his state of the Union Address on February 4, President Reagan voiced a meaningful point for all when he said "We must also look to the condition of America's families," declaring that "in the welfare culture, the breakdown of the family, the most basic support system, has reached crisis proportions—in female and child poverty, child abandonment, horrible crimes, and deteriorating schools." Distress over the state of America's families transcends party lines, as rightfully it should. New York's Governor Mario Cuomo and Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan are examples of Democrats expressing concern over the problem equal to our Republican president. Governor Cuomo has consistently referred to America as a "family," that, in his view, should be caring and supportive of its members who are disadvantaged. Senator Moynihan concludes in his latest book, *Family and Nation*, "that the future of a society may be forecast by how it cares for its young." The Senator calls for national policies dealing with the problems of America's families, predicting "that within 10 years the majority of 17-year-olds will come from broken families," warning that "the tragedy of broken families is not only a Black problem, but now a general problem...a challenge to the conscience of all of us."

Having personally experienced the

emotional trauma of abandonment as a child due to a broken home, I could not agree more. For eighteen years, I grew up in a succession of orphanages and foster care homes, never having been adopted. I know all too well the pain of these children suffering from America's crisis in the family, their feeling of being unwanted and unloved. If not for the intervention during my adolescence by the Loomis family, selfless volunteers acting as my mentors, I would never have overcome the anguish of my childhood. Thanks to the Loomis' counsel and support at a time when I needed it most, I surmounted the obstacles burdened upon me by my upbringing to become a productive, contributing member of society. But, I realize that I was extremely fortunate. Far too many of these children who have lost the essential guidance of a family have no recourse for help.

The care that government provides for these deprived children is already overtaxed; as there are currently over one million children living in the youth foster care system. But this care only extends to a definite limit. When these young people reach the age of 18, they become legally emancipated and are forced to leave foster care. Since so many of them are ill-prepared to live on their own, they inevitably return to welfare as adults. Their only other options for the future are institutionalization, prison or to join the 1.5 million homeless youths, called "throwaway kids," who have run away from, or been abandoned by their families, to whom poverty is the normal way of life. This growing problem is especially frightening as over a third of the young people in foster care today are over 15 years old, rapidly approaching the age when they must

suffer second abandonment, forced off the foster care system upon which they have been entirely dependent. If Governor Cuomo's analogy of America as one "family" is to have any relevance, then we as a nation must be prepared to guide and support these abandoned young people past the age of maturity, as any loving family would do for its own children.

This should not mean another extension of the welfare system, since America's resources are already being severely drained by the continual cycle of children on welfare becoming adults on welfare. But the harm being inflicted by this vicious cycle is not measurable by the waste of tax money, but by the waste of tax payers. We cannot realize our fullest potential as a nation if our greatest resource, the children who possess this country's future, continue to be squandered and abandoned to poverty by the millions, instead of leading productive lives. A solution to the problem has already presented itself and demands immediate attention and support. Last year a New York Supreme Court judge ruled that no foster care facility may discharge any young person without supervision and a place to live. The court decided in favor of six homeless, young men who had brought suit against the state of New York following their discharge from foster care, which left them unprepared for emancipation and forced them to live on the streets. In this case, the Supreme Court of New York has sanctioned, even mandated, the most sensible solution to the rising tide of destitute children deprived of families. These young people must be taught the essential skills they need to become productive members of society, independent of welfare. By being instructed in such

skills as how to find a job, maintain steady employment, manage an income, and learn the home and consumer economics needed for self-sufficiency, these young people can leave behind the deprivation of their childhood and become responsible, independent adults.

Ultimately, this task of aiding our underprivileged fellow citizens in becoming truly emancipated cannot be accomplished by government alone. President Reagan advocates volunteerism. So do I. But my forms of volunteerism combine a commitment to frugal spending on cost-effective programs with an equal, heartfelt commitment to successful activism on behalf of the disadvantaged. Through volunteer programs assisting the children of foster care, we will reduce the need for government spending to care for these young people. But the greatest strength of volunteerism lies in its galvanization of people organized to help those less fortunate to help themselves, intending to build a better country for us all. Government's ability to serve is hampered if the people it represents are not willing to shoulder more of the responsibility. Twenty-five years ago, Democrats and Republicans alike were stirred by the words of President John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country." What greater way to serve our country than to become committed to curing the ills of our next generation, to reach out and change these millions of young lives burdened with loneliness and despair, to fill them with hope and promise for the future.

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Presidential Forum Helps Leadership

Tuanda Ward
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Forming unity among the presidents of campus organizations and developing and strengthening their leadership abilities is the purpose of a new organization, the Presidential Forum, according to Leonard Clay, founder.

Clay, who is president of the Abram Harris Economic Society, and Ronnie Moore, president of the Computer Base Information Systems Society (COBISS).

"We thought that by bringing the presidents together into one organization, we would be able to help improve networking and communication among the campus leaders," said Clay.

One of the reasons the Forum is important is because of the lack of student participation in campus activities, he added.

"Why are students not at events that could really improve and enhance their knowledge that they are receiving at Howard?" asked Clay.

"We need to find out why student participation on Howard's campus is lacking and I think we can do it through the leaders by making them ask themselves whether or not they are providing the quality leadership that gets a quality following."

Moore said that he wanted to help start the Forum because of the lack of campus leadership. "The ability to lead and motivate students is lacking," he said.

"Students still don't seem to know what they want to do. When I hear of organizations having financial problems or having problems putting on programs, I say, why, and then ask what is the president, vice-president, or treasurer doing. But it always comes back down on the president."

"If we can unify the leaders and promote positive things and strengthen some things within their organizations and within

themselves," said Moore, "then they can in turn go back to their group of people they represent and communicate these positive things."

The term "networking" is used very loosely, according to Clay. "You hear a lot of students talking about networking but, you don't see it going on in a large quantity," he said.

"If we can pull the network system together now, then the type of system we are trying to set up will go on."

Plans to organize an alumni group from the Forum are in progress, Clay said. Those entering the work force will eventually come together again and plan bigger projects, he added.

The group also plans to organize the Forum at other Black colleges. "Perhaps this would start a network of presidents," said Clay.

The Forum is also geared towards helping presidents who are elected but have never participated in an executive order.

He said the presidents will be taught the formats and procedures needed to secure facilities for programs and speakers as well as how to present themselves as leaders.

Within the Forum, the presidents will be able to express their concerns about running their organizations or any other problems they may have.

In addition to promoting leadership, the group has several annual events planned. The largest project is Prep Day which involves bringing high school, junior high and elementary school students to the campus to spend a day with a president and to observe leadership roles.

"Effective leadership helps people make decisions," said Moore. "If we don't promote leadership, then we should ask ourselves why we are here. Our goal should be to perpetuate the entire race."

"While we're here at Howard and after we leave, we hope that the presidents will take a stand to motivate and develop the people they represent."

Golden Key

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"You have energies that are yet untapped. Your pursuit of excellence is a drama yet completed," she said.

Two scholarships were awarded at the reception to new initiates Charles M. Boyd a junior majoring in Zoology and Carl Douglass Hayes, a senior majoring in Zoology. Both were selected for their scholastic ability, participation and leadership in collegiate activities and extracurricular activities.

Elaine Gooden, vice president of Howard's chapter, said that the chapter is now working on establishing committees and integrating the group of initiates.

Nurse

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Department. "That would be impossible in a hospital," he added.

The note was taken to Lawrence Dunmore, the medical director of HUH's employee health unit, asking "to be excused from treatment of patients in isolation wards and to be assigned elsewhere." Ward alleges Dunmore informed her that she would not be reassigned "and would have to take leave from work."

In his answer to the complaint, University Counsel Johnny Howard admits Dunmore did not reassign Ward, but he denies she was told she would have to take leave from work.

Another note from Goodman dated Oct. 9, 1985, was submitted by Ward to Rita Rigor-Matory, an obstetrician in the hospital's health unit, in which Goodman reconfirmed that Ward should "not care for patients in isolation, patients with contagious diseases, or patients with enteric (intestinal) blood and body fluid," as cited from the complaint.

Rigor-Matory certified that Ward was then 12 weeks pregnant, with "no immunity to rubella." She was also susceptible to Hepatitis B because of a lack of surface antibodies in her system, she said.

Among the projects the Howard chapter will initiate are community projects, social projects, group projects, tutoring, freshmen orientation and adopting a high school.

"I feel really honored to be a member of the society. It is an opportunity for me to meet so many people from such varied academic backgrounds. It is a way to fulfill my social responsibilities and help people that are less fortunate (academically)," Gooden said.

The Howard chapter of Golden Key will be participating in the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) conference, April 2-5. Ten thousand student personnel professionals from offices of student activities, orientation

and residential life will gather to share ideas and develop new ones.

According to Saunders, the purpose of the conference will be "to promote different types of educational programs on the college level and to integrate resources to provide students with the most productive educational experience."

Royal, the current Undergraduate Trustee-elect for the Howard Board of Trustees and Secretary General of the Light National Model of the Organization of African Unity, said that he is very enthusiastic about what is to come for the chapter.

"Being president gives me an opportunity to set the wheels in motion. It's exciting, dynamic and challenging, and I love challenges," he said.

Unit Secretary in a relief capacity," according to HUH's answers to the complaint.

Ward accepted the secretarial position but only worked for two days. As a secretary she had to incur a change in shift and a much lower rate of pay, according to court documents.

Ward has been on leave "effectively since Nov. 23, 1985," said Banov, although her application for leave was not officially accepted by HUH until sometime in January 1986.

Claiming violations of the Federal Rehabilitation Act and the District of Columbia Human Rights Law, Ward affirms that HUH essentially suspended her, since a reasonable accommodation was not made for her.

The Federal Rehabilitation Act states that reasonable accommodations must be made for someone deemed handicapped, while the District of Columbia Human Rights Law is a lot broader. It (the D.C. law) applies to bodily and mental handicap conditions.

If an out-of-court settlement is not made, Banov said the trial may be held sometime next winter, since the case has not received a trial date.

Ward is a 1983 graduate of the University of the District of Columbia.

Community News

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time to (postpone) publication and start reorganizing procedures.

When asked if he planned on continuing to work as coordinator Fealing responded, "I'll be here."

Jahed said, "If the university gives us that type of budget we could be (Howard's commercial radio station) WHUR in print if we get enough money from the university. We stopped (publication) in order to get help."

Kagawa said, "Next year's paper simply has to be 100 percent. We're clearing house."

Reginald Ball, a sophomore majoring in architecture said, "All I know about is the open letter Head Counselor Rev. Thomas put out."

Rape Reported at Cook Hall Dormitory

Robert L. Frelow, Jr.
Hilltop Staff Reporter

An alleged rape in Cook Hall dormitory was reported to the Office of Residence Life February 23, according to William Keene, dean of that office.

"We had a report, but the young lady involved has refused to file charges," said Keene.

"The young lady involved is not a Howard student," he said and added that the initial report was that the alleged victim was a Howard student.

Keene would not say whether or not the male (or males) involved was an athlete.

Kermit Blount, the resident counselor at Cook said he is not really sure what happened and what is being done about it. He said he has not received any information from University officials.

Efforts to obtain further information from the University's Office of Security and Safety Services, as well as the Third District Metropolitan Police Department failed.

According to Monetta Anderson, an attorney in the University's Division of Legal Affairs, the Incident Offense Report from the Howard University Security Office, states that the young lady involved did not seek any medical attention or inform the metropolitan police.

"I don't believe a report was filed with (D.C.) police," said Keene.

"We are going to follow up on the situation to see if any University student conduct codes have been violated."

While Cook is commonly referred to as the athletic dormitory, Keene stressed that it (Cook) is not just a dormitory for athletes. "There are a few students who live there who do not participate on any of Howard's athletic teams."

There was a change in visitation hours for the residents at Cook prior to the alleged rape. Last year, students were allowed to have 24 hour visitation. This year they are limited to visitors between 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. weekdays and 12 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. on weekends, according to Blount.

"We felt a change in visitation hours would be more conducive to the study hours of the residents," said Keene.

The change in visitation hours was decided during a meeting of the resident counselor, student staff members and some residents, according to Keene.

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Howard Inn

The Spa Begins Anew

Marian Dozier
Health Editor

Pumping new lifeblood into a business can be as arduous as pumping iron; especially when, fittingly enough, the business is a health spa. But the new manager and owner of the Howard Inn Health Spa, fresh from more than ten combined years of experience in physical education and fitness, are doing just that.

Re-opened in February in space leased from the hotel, Manager Harold Singletary and owner Sheila Weaver (company name: Sheila Weaver and Associates) are in business and things are "pumping up."

As before, the spa maintains separate facilities for men and women, with features like Universal and free weights, exercise bikes, a dry-heat sauna, heated pool and several aerobics and weight-training classes are considered standard.

Three other services are not standard, however: individualized fitness coaching, a weight-loss program, both of which come equipped with a staff nutritionist, and massage services by a licensed masseuse are also available, though on a per-class payment schedule and by appointment only.

Have things changed since Weaver and Associates took over? It may be too early to tell, but "we did some basic renovations, though we kept all of the original equipment," said Singletary, 26. "Our main concern then—as now—is upkeep; we listened to our charter members and that was the basis of their concerns. So we went with it."

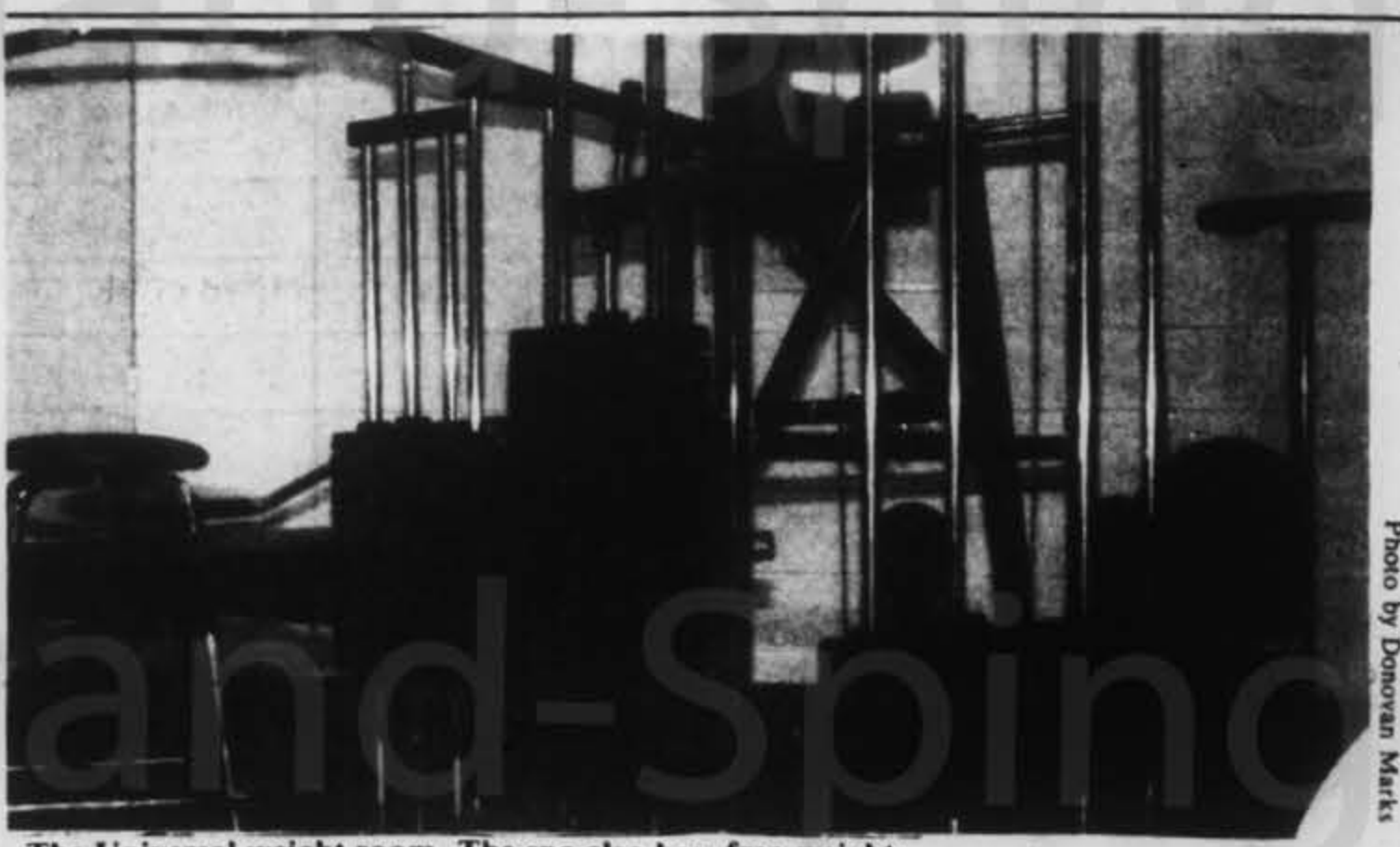
Currently, there are about 75 members, mostly Howard professionals and some students and staff. Membership rates are extensive (see box), both in terms of time lengths available and costs, ranging from one week at \$15 to one year for \$299.

The spa is located at 2225 Georgia Ave. on the third floor and is open Monday through Friday from 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. It is open to guests of the hotel on an unlimited and free basis. Call Singletary at the hotel at 462-5400 for more information.



Manager Harold Singletary

Aerobics instructor Mary Johnson works out on the exercise bike. Her daughter Kelly runs by her side.



The Universal weight room. The spa also has free weights.



Spa staff member Johnson demonstrates use of the linear press.

"And, For As Little As..."

The health spa's membership schedule is extensive, with a variety of time period and costs. Each period includes a number of "free" classes which, says the manager, points to the differences between his spa and most others.

One week of unlimited use of the spa, plus one "free" class, your choice (see below), costs \$15.

One month of unlimited use plus four free classes costs \$45.

Three months plus 12 classes is \$120.

Six months plus 18 classes is \$180.

One year plus 24 classes is \$299.

Signing up for one, all or a combination of the four offered exercise classes—cal/aerobics, aerobics plus, pool exercise, weight-training—is also possible. Costs: for four classes, \$15; for eight, \$28; for 12, \$36; for 18, \$50; and for 24, \$60.

Cal/aerobics meets five times a week; aerobics plus meets six times a week; pool exercise meets twice a week; and weight-training meets three times a week. Length of individual class times varies.

Dialysis Points to Problems

Eddie Twine
Hilltop Staff Reporter

While performing kidney dialysis at a Southeast center in the District, technicians have found that besides having dysfunctional kidneys, afflicted Blacks have causative and medical problems seemingly peculiar to the race.

According to staff members at the Washington Metropolitan Dialysis Center (WMDC) at 900 M St., SE, habit and physiology common to Blacks—salt-rich ethnic cooking, hesitancy to donate organs, poor health practices, type "O" blood—make the number of Blacks afflicted with kidney disease higher than that of other races.

Dialysis is the process of mechanically cleaning waste products from the bloodstream, using a man-made, plastic kidney—a function normally performed by healthy kidneys.

The process begins when a patient is "accessed"—or hooked up—to an arterial tube which pulls the blood and chemicals out, passing the "new" clean blood through a venous tube and back into the patient's body. It is ongoing; the process must be done three times a week, four hours per day. Without it, the patient will die.

Black Donations Nil

The distinct type "O" blood, which is common to but not limited to Blacks, makes Black donors necessary for transplants to afflicted Blacks. But the lack of qualified Black donors further exacerbates this problem.

"The problem is that Blacks just don't donate," said technician Scott Taylor. Another fact is that Black kidneys work better in Black patients, though we're not really sure why. Either way [from Black or White donors] seems to be OK for Whites."

So, the only choice left for staying alive is dialysis. But being dialyzed requires a strict commitment to diet. Patients must stay away from the collar greens, the pork—even the bananas. "There's enough potassium in one banana to kill [a patient]," said Taylor. Consequently, "a diet low in sodium and potassium is the mainstay of dialysis patients and they really have to stick with it."

Jacob Wright, a dialysis patient at the center, describes his experience as "depressing, but I want to stay alive. Cutting back on [certain foods] I eat has helped, but I still got to go for my treatments."

Prohibitive Costs

Even though there are new and cheaper forms of treatment now available, most patients are not using them because of prohibitive costs, said Taylor.

At this point, visits cost about \$200 each time on the machine, and in the past, Medicaid and/or Medicare has picked up the tab. However, with national health care taking a back seat on the Reagan agenda, a crisis may be in the making.

Consequently, the WMDC is trying to educate the public on preventive health measures and new techniques in nutrition and dieting for dialysis patients and those with less severe kidney problems. According to Taylor, new developments in dietary planning have increased life expectancy.

What has not helped, said Taylor, a three-year veteran of the center, is that Blacks generally do not take care of their health. "Blacks are prone to getting high blood pressure, to using harmful drugs and to not taking their medications," he said. "They have nobody to blame but themselves for [being sick]."



Healthlines

In addition to the services offered to patrons everyday by the Howard Inn Health Spa, Manager Harold Singletary is trying to entice Howard's finest—or those wanting to become finest—to the Georgia Avenue spa with several specials made up just for students. Right now, they are:

1. A one-day trial visit for \$3; lesser folk pay the regular \$5. Students must be at the spa between 1 and 3 p.m.
2. A week's worth of membership for only \$10, compared to the regular \$15.
3. A series of four classes—choose between cal/aerobics, aerobics plus, pool exercise and/or weight training—for \$12, normally priced at \$15.

Meanwhile, the spa will be sponsoring a "Novice Body-Building Contest" on May 10, with prizes, hoopla and of course, a disband afterward. The entrance fee is \$10 per person (which also pays for entrance into the disco) and winners will receive cash and/or trophies. The event will be held at WUST radio headquarters at Ninth and V streets, NW, and begins at 9 p.m. Call the spa for more information at 462-5400.

As part of HealthFare USA's April Health Fair Month, free health screenings and health care activities will be offered at different locations throughout the greater Washington metro area. During this month, more than 50 community sites—on April 23, one will be Howard's Family Health Center at 900 Rhode Island Ave., NW—in Maryland, Virginia and the District will be holding a health fair and offering free screenings for height, weight, blood pressure and visual acuity. (Most sites will provide additional health screenings.)

Exhibits will provide information on nutrition and diet, using medications, heart health and cancer detection, among other things. Of course, health professionals will be on hand for consultation. For a list of Healthfare locations or additional information, call the People's Drug Healthfare Hotline at 529-0413.

"The Troubled Teen: Early Warning Signs" will be held April 11, at the Psychiatric Institute Foundation located at 4460 MacArthur Blvd., NW. Billed as an afternoon mini-course for professionals who come into contact with troubled adolescents, the course will emphasize the identification of teens at risk and the early signs which might forecast serious psychopathology. It will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the registration fee is \$40, which includes the program and a simple box lunch. Space is limited. Certificates of attendance will be awarded, as the course is recognized by several educational groups. For more information, contact Audrey Cannamela at 828-1888.

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Alonzo Crawford, director of "Walking on White Nails."

Thomas Quash
Hilltop Staff Reporter

The romance between a Black dentist and a White businesswoman is the focus for *Walking on White Nails*, a new independent film to be directed by Howard University associate professor Alonzo Crawford.

Crawford agreed that the film's subject matter, an interracial issue, is indeed controversial. "I don't expect the controversy will be as ongoing as *The Color Purple*" he said. "We're hoping to provide context in which people can discuss this issue and come out with clarity rather than confusion."

The production, to be filmed in black and white, is scheduled to begin shooting June 1st and should be completed by mid-July. The picture is also slated for a January '87 release date.

With the controversy surrounding Black portrayals in *The Color Purple* Crawford claimed that the issue was never settled. In regard to his own film, he added, "Hopefully, there will be controversy. It is through controversy, at first, that people begin to understand the issue."

Originally, Crawford said, he wanted to be an "Artist" or "Jet pilot." Eventually, he chose commercial art as a profession.

He would make political statements in paintings until realizing, he confirmed, that he wanted the figures to move. Soon after, his involvement in film developed. Currently, he teaches Film Analysis, Cinema I, and Film Directing, among other classes, in the School of Communications.

"An artist's role is to contribute to the humanity of society," he said. "All of my films make an attempt to address contradictions."

And yet he noted that *White Nails* offers no solutions to life. "The couple is allegorical. They represent an idea—community. If we look at that love affair as a European, an American, and a Black American, we'll have a better understanding."

One technique used in *White Nails* is the use of a voice-over during an unrelated scene. For example, the main character, Gabriel, and his analyst are heard conversing, while the viewer only sees a common exterior shot. Crawford identified the traditional Hollywood film sound, where the character's dialogue is viewed, as synchronist parallel narrative structure. "This is limiting," he said. "It's not, in my mind, a true expression of reality. Sound has several levels, even in your own mind."

The idea for the film "came a long time ago," Crawford explained. "Some Afro-American men will not associate with Afro-American women. A part of acceptance into the mainstream of society, they felt, was through White women."

He added, "The men I knew, who did it, weren't serious. It was power on one hand and powerlessness on the other. We would laugh at the White boys who thought 'How did this powerless Black man get with this attractive White woman?' It was reaching for power. It was a way to hurt the White man. Once it was over, the Black man could go back to being Black, Whites could not."

Crawford said that the U.S. has a "Schizophrenic" reaction to Blacks. "America can't do without us and doesn't want us. I will attempt to make the viewer aware of contradictions."

Crawford noted that the response is good and the momentum is high for his project, yet the lack of financial resources could "open up to larger problems."

"Money is the root of filmmaking. It is nearly impossible to make it without it," he said. "In this society, a Black man is not supposed to make a film. Blacks have not received finances to compete with films out of Hollywood or independent White European filmmakers."



Joe Seneca, (left), an aging Delta bluesman, brings his protege Ralph Macchio, (center), to the crossroads, where they meet the devil's number-one emissary, Robert Judd, (right) in the film "Crossroads."

'Crossroads': A Dead End

Christopher Powell
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Few things are more disappointing than seeing a good idea go to waste. The new film, *Crossroads*, seems intriguing and fresh at first, but it is ultimately an ill-conceived melodrama.

A would-be gem, the story is centered around an old Mississippi blues legend of young musicians who trade their souls with the Devil for fortune and fame as talented "bluesmen."

Joe Seneca plays Willie Brown, an aging Delta bluesman who, years ago, signed away his soul for short-lived fame and now languishes in a lock-up New York nursing home, the end of the line after having been imprisoned for shooting another bluesman.

Eugene Martone, played by Ralph Macchio (*The Karate Kid*) is a young Juilliard prodigy from Long Island and has an unusual love for the blues. Eugene's research has started him on the trail of an unrecorded song by legendary Delta blues king Robert Johnson. Eugene hopes to use the

song to launch his blues career. Eugene is sure that Willie Brown, alias Blind Dog Fulton—famous Delta blues musician, is alive and finally locates him in the nursing home.

Brown and Johnson were good friends years ago. In exchange for teaching Eugene the fabled song, Willie insists that the young man help him escape and return to his native town in the heart of the Mississippi Delta, where he hopes to return to the legendary crossroads.

An interesting set up. However, the plot then meanders as the two travel to Mississippi, meeting a young runaway along the way named Frances (Jamie Gertz) with whom Eugene falls immediately in love; the unlikely duo become an even more improbable trio as Frances joins them on the road, where they encounter more than one kind of banal bigotry and racism. Much of it is trite and anti-climactic.

The main reason the movie goes astray is that the story is set up to make Eugene the hero. Director Walter Hill and producer Mark Carliner obviously hoped to capitalize on the success of Macchio's

last hit movie from two summers ago, *The Karate Kid*. That movie featured a similar relationship between the old and experienced and the young and naive. *Karate Kid* worked well, especially because of a climactic show-down ending. *Crossroads* tries to emulate the formula but fails completely. In fact, there is not one point in the entire plot where the story idea really develops into something thought-provoking or entertaining.

One good point in the movie, however, is the use of special effects in dream sequences and flashbacks. John Bailey, director of photography, effectively combines fantasy with realism. Seneca, who recently appeared in a similar role in Broadway's *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*, also contributed a fine performance.

Yet, he can't carry a story whose main focus is the boy Eugene, who is unfortunately terribly miscast. Macchio, while talented, just doesn't fit the bill, hardly credible as a talented blues guitarist from middle class Long Island. The role seems to have been changed to fit the type Macchio is used to playing.

Gertz, as the love interest, makes an unnecessary sub-plot even weaker with her performance.

'April Fool's Day'

Carla N. Gardner
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Yes, April Fool's Day. That especially odd day, set aside on the calendar for cheap jokes and empty humor. Wouldn't you just rather see a movie and call it a day?

Just in case you answered, "Yes," this year Paramount Pictures brings us the spine-tingling film, *April Fool's Day*, starring Griffin O'Neal and Deborah Goodrich.

Think of April Fool's Day, traditionally the day reserved for pranks. But what if someone took the idea a few steps further?

In this movie, nine college students are about to have the most unforgettable experience of a lifetime as they spend a terrifying weekend at a New England summer home owned by one of their group members, who incidentally has planned a few "soul-rocking" surprises for them.

Taking the holiday a couple of steps further is what producer Frank Mancuso, Jr. wished for in a project to follow-up his huge success with the *Friday the 13th* film series. Mancuso felt there had to be a way to please audiences accustomed to horror films such as *Friday the 13th*, and suspense thrillers molded in the Hitchcock/DePalma tradition.

April Fool's Day stars a host of up-

and-coming young actors who may soon be considered new members of Hollywood's extremely popular "brat pack."

Two of the most recognized members of this movie's cast are actors Deborah Goodrich and Griffin O'Neal.

In this chiller, Goodrich portrays Nikki Brashears, a sassy former debutante, with a devilish sense of humor, who is involved in the eerie happenings at a remote estate off the New England shore.

Daytime audiences knew Goodrich first as tumultuous Silver Kane in "All My Children." Carrying on a family tradition is Griffin O'Neal. Yes folks, Ryan O'Neal's son and Tatum O'Neal's younger brother. This time he's on his own portraying Skip St. John.

Mr. Preppy to the hilt, Skip is a young man to whom life tosses many a reckless adventure. Skip is lazy, spoiled, and a compulsive swinger who makes a career out of being irresponsible. Sounds like someone you know?

During a spring weekend, Skip helps to carry out a devilish elaborate scheme. Does it backfire on him? I've been sworn to secrecy. Sorry folks!

All I can tell you is this: Anything in the fashion of Alfred Hitchcock and Brian DePalma has to stir some curiosity in any average moviegoer.

Marvin Gaye Remembered



Marvin Gaye would have been 47 years old April 2 if he had not met his untimely death two years ago. The veteran soul singer was killed in a domestic dispute on the day before his birthday in 1984.

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ENTERTAINMENT BEAT

A Gospel Extravaganza will be held on Sunday, April 6th in Cramton Auditorium on Howard University's campus. The show begins at 6:00 p.m. and will feature gospel choirs from Howard University, Shiloh Baptist Church, Bowie State College, and Hampton University. Tickets are \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door.

A variety show is scheduled for Monday, April 7 at 7 p.m. in Cramton Auditorium. Tickets are \$1.

A spring fashion show is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, at Cramton Auditorium. The show has been planned by Howard University fashion majors. Tickets are \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door.

A Black Film Series is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Blackburn Center Auditorium. Tickets are \$1.

Local comedians will be performing in the Punchout on Thursday, April 10 at 7 p.m. There will be no charge for admittance.

The Spring Arts Festival Picnic will be held at noon on Saturday, April 12. The event will be held on the main campus yard of Howard University. For more information on these events contact the Undergraduate Student Assembly. These events are being sponsored by UGSA as part of their Spring Arts Festival Activities.

O'Kelly Isley, one of the original members of the group The Isley

Brothers, died Tuesday from a brain hemorrhage. The eldest of the group, O'Kelly was 48-years-old when he met his untimely death.

Mama, I Want To Sing is playing at the Warner Theater, 13th and F Streets, through Sunday, April 6. Tickets range from \$16.50 to \$27.50. The gospel musical from Off-Broadway is centered around a young girl who yearns to be a nightclub singer, against her mother's wishes.

Hot Mikado, a swingtime version of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta is playing at the Ford's Theatre, at 511 10th St. NW, through June 1. Tickets range from \$14 to \$20. Half price tickets are available to students a half hour before showtime, subject to ticket availability.

SPEAKOUT

Do you think the Libyans were justified in attacking the U.S. fleet in the Gulf of Sidra?

Speak Out text and photos compiled by Allen Brown



Zachery Burgess
Freshman
Political Science
Detroit, MI

"The Libyan aggression in attacking the U.S. was not justifiable just because the Americans crossed a certain point in foreign waters. The truth is that with all the radio technology that the military possesses, why couldn't the Americans have been warned before hand? This would have cut down on the exchange of warfare that occurred in the Gulf of Sidra. So I think that the Libyan attack on the U.S. was unjustifiable."



Gerald Todd Johnson
Junior
International Business Marketing
Denver, CO

"I think Libya was probably justified in their attack on America because that is their land and the water is right off their coast. I look at what is said on network news and believe just the opposite."



William Jones
Sophomore
Chemistry
North Augusta, SC

"I think it is a very critical situation. The information that Americans are subject to is very biased. Everyone should realize that the information we hear or read is what the U.S. wants us to hear and read. I can rationally say that something is wrong, but I do not know both sides of the story. Everyone wants their citizens to think that they are justified in their actions. News reports from Libya or from a country that is neutral in the conflict would give the other side or maybe the actual story."



Chris Gomes
Senior
Political Science
Rockville, MD

"I believe that Libya was justified in their attack on the United States. Once again, the U.S. has flexed its muscle supposedly under the auspices of proving that according to their law, they had a right to be there. If this is the case then why was the United States the only country involved in this quest or conquest? The U.S. was looking for a reason to attack Libya. Libya created one reason and the U.S. attacked. I believe Libya was justified in attacking the U.S."



Eric Byrd
Freshman
Finance
Long Branch, NJ

"Libya was wrong in attacking U.S. ships that were 100-miles away from their shores. Every country in the world recognizes that water beyond 12-miles of its shore is international territory. Qaddafi should know he is wrong because the USSR will not even back him up."



Tony Ewill
Junior
Computer Based Information
Systems
Atlanta, GA

"I think that Libya was justified in attacking U.S. fleets in the Gulf of Sidra because they were undeniably provoked by the U.S. naval fleet which crossed the 'line of Death'. The Reagan administration was looking for an opportunity to strike at Qaddafi because of his tough talk and terrorist tactics. Unfortunately, Qaddafi played right into Mr. Reagan's hands. But, Libya was within its rights in protecting what it thinks is their territorial waters."

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Sports

Track Team Strides for Perfection

John Mitchell
Hilltop Staff Reporter

With the men's and women's track teams both coming off very successful indoor campaigns in which six of the females qualified for the NCAA Championships both teams are heading into the outdoor season riding the crest of an intangible but important element—momentum.

With each indoor meet, Coach William Moultrie noticed improvement in his teams that was a direct result of the dedication displayed by his athletes. Now within the next 30 days, Moultrie believes that the teams will be peaking at just the right time.

"The team is very competitive in the last couple of months and if they keep this up, we should be just right by the time that the relays (Penn) come around," said Moultrie.

Unlike many other coaches, Moultrie does not designate his runners as number one, number two, etc. Instead he prefers to leave spots open for grabs because of the competitive atmosphere created by this type of situation.

"We have a good idea who our people are going to be, but we leave

the door open. Many coaches make a mistake by naming their teams too early and as a result their top ranked runners begin to slack up. We believe in leaving the door open to all of our runners," said Moultrie.

Setting the pace for the men will be senior captain Donald Battle. Another senior who should be instrumental to the progress of the team should be Ralph Gomes. Battle and Gomes should be joined by juniors Padgett Spencer, Randolph Chadwick and Anthony Scott as members of the traveling team. Lonel Johnson, a sophomore, has been coming around and he also appears to have a good shot at making the team.

A pleasant surprise to the track team has been the emergence of some outstanding freshman talent. John Branch, who finished the cross country season as the team's number one seed has the opportunity to contribute in many events ranging from the four by two hundred meters to the two mile relay. Curtis Chappel has already made the mile relay team and is a gifted sprinter. Rodney Revals, Philson Lescott and Sebastian Warner may also make the team

and they are all freshmen.

This year in the MEAC the men's team will be chasing defending champion South Carolina State.

In the words of Coach Moultrie, the women's team has done an "outstanding" job in cross country and during the indoor season. Six members of the team, whom Moultrie refers to as the "six pack," qualified for the NCAA indoor championship held in Oklahoma City and they make up the foundation of the team.

Team captain Brenda Bailey was one of the qualifiers in the long jump and has taken part in the championships in all four years that she has been at Howard. In this, her senior year she will be a very valuable leader for the women.

Teresa Allen also qualified for the championships in the long jump for the third time in her career and the junior from North Carolina definitely figures into the women's program as both a runner and a jumper, as does Bailey.

The women's mile relay team which is made up of three

sophomores, Connie Hitchcock, Tessa Robinson, Janice Kelly and freshman Cindy Ford, rounds out the indoor championship qualifiers. Co-captain Latrese Todd will contribute to the effort by participating in the intermediate hurdles, two mile relay and 800-meter run.

Because of the talent that is in front of them, Moultrie has categorized sophomores Jackie Blackwell, Ruth Dotten and Charlene Jackson as having an "outside" chance at making the team.

The women's team has Moultrie very excited at what they might be able to achieve this year.

"These girls are good. They are very coachable, they have great attitudes and they are great competitors," he said.

Moultrie had high praise for the co-captains of the women's team in particular.

"It has been a short four years for Todd and Bailey because whenever your athletes have an excellent attitude the time is short, but when they are a pain in the tail it seems like a lifetime," he said.

Bisonettes Seek A Win

Darlene Ellis
Hilltop Staff Reporter

The Howard Women's Tennis Team is young, but it is steadily growing. Last season the team only played one match, and in this their second season, they lost their second match to the Colonials of George Washington last Wednesday at Banneker Tennis Court.

Annette Dawson (1-1) and Judith Penny (1-1) were the two bright spots on the team. Dawson, a senior won two of her three matches (4-6, 6-0, and 6-4) and Penny, a sophomore won both of her matches (6-4 and 6-3).

"The key to my winning was being consistent and patient," said Dawson. "I didn't know how to play with the wind. Once I learned how to deal with the wind, I used it to my advantage."

Pearl McLeod, the number one player on the team lost her matches (2-6 and 1-6). Judith Penny and her doubles partner, junior, Heidi Linzua, (0-2) lost their doubles match (7-6 and 6-7) which was not completed.

"We are playing hard," said sophomore Jill Woods. "We are new

and a little inexperienced."

"Each match I see the intensity increases," said Coach Strickland. "They are getting a clear understanding of what they need to do to become winners, but we're not fundamentally sound yet."

Currently, none of the women players are on scholarship, but as of next year there will be scholarships for women on parity with men.

Coach Strickland said that competing against their teammates or any other potential applicants along with their dedication and their will to do what it takes to win is, "the type of attitude I want on my team."

As for Jill Woods, she sees potential for the Bisonettes. "I think we may be able to win the first round of the MEAC (Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference Title)," she said.

The Bisonette will face American University today. Although Coach Strickland hasn't been able to scout AU's team, he said he always enters a match with a positive attitude. The Bisonettes record is currently 0-2.

Bison Notes

Bisonette center Darlene Beale has been named University Player of the Year by the Black Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America (BCSIDA). Beale is the second leading rebounder in the nation. Vanessa Graham, a Bisonette guard, received honorable mention.

Darren Mills, a graduate assistant and defensive line coach for the Howard football team for two years

has resigned to pursue other professional opportunities.

Tom Seward, offensive line coach for the Howard football team for six years has resigned to fill the same position at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

The men's basketball team has been selected to play in the Big Apple National Invitation Tournament next October. Other talented teams

such as Arizona, Bradley, Brigham Young, Cleveland State, Louisiana State, Memphis State, Michigan, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Temple, Texas Christian, Nevada-Las Vegas, Villanova, Virginia, and Western Kentucky will play in the tournament.

The Howard Intramural Basketball Tournament will be held at Burr Gymnasium from April 7-9.

THE 1985-86

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Mitchell Smith, shortstop, takes a strike in one of H.U.'s two losses (5-4 and 7-3) to George Mason on March 25.

Spring Road Trip Proves Successful for the Baseball Team

Darren Price
Hilltop Staff Reporter

The game of baseball is a two way street. Pitchers can throw strikes and hitters can hit air, or pitchers can throw balls and hitters can knock the cover off of the ball. If the Howard Bison can pitch and hit solidly through the 1986 schedule then they may be on their way to Omaha, Nebraska for the National Collegiate Athletic Association play-offs.

So far, the Bison have compiled a record of 12-8 which Head Coach Chuck Hinton likes.

"We were victimized by bad weather, but we beat two good teams, The Citadel and Armstrong."

"I am pleased at this point about the season," Hinton said. "We are pitching and hitting well, but we are not playing defense like we are capable of playing."

On their spring road trip in March, Howard won eight games and lost three games. Some of the teams they defeated are Bethun-Cookman, Armstrong St., The Citadel, and Fort Valley St.

"We played real well," said Coach Hinton. "We were victimized by bad weather, but we also beat two good teams, The Citadel and Armstrong. We lost games to North Carolina A&T and St. Augustine because of poor defense."

Glen Abraham, pitcher, also thinks the team played well, but two factors caused the team to lose a game. "Poor base running and poor hitting caused us to lose to North Carolina A&T," said Abraham.

After the team returned from their road trip they were defeated by the Patriots of George Mason in a double header, 5-4 and 7-3. On Tuesday, March 25, the Bison dropped a double header to the University of Delaware (7-2 and 11-10), and on Sunday, March 30, they defeated Virginia State University. The Bison also lost to nationally ranked Old Dominion 4-3 on Tuesday, April 1.

Howard will face the Bears of Morgan State University tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. at Banneker Field.

Solid Hitting Wins H.U. Double Header

Darren Price
Hilltop Staff Reporter

The Howard Bison baseball team chalked-up two victories against St. Augustine, 15-6 and 12-2, last Thursday at Banneker Field.

Right fielder Glen Abraham led the Bison with solid hitting in the first game and David White led the Bison with strong pitching.

Abraham hit three home runs, one of them an inside-the-park home run which propelled Howard to a 9-2 lead in the bottom of the third inning. Second baseman Tony Mack and first baseman James Barnes also hit a home run.

David White threw three of his eight strikeouts in the top of the sixth inning when the Falcons trailed by seven points (13-6).

Early in the second game Howard struggled to hit the ball, while St. Augustine took a 2-1 lead. However, center fielder Gary Hayles started Howard's seven run rally when he hit a double to left field in the fourth inning. The Bison wrapped up the game in the fifth inning when they scored four additional runs.

Pitcher Glen Abraham went the distance improving Howard's record to 10-5 and St. Augustine fell to 10-10.

1986 Spring Sports Schedule

Baseball (Home)

April 5 Morgan St.*
14 Virginia State
19 Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore*
27 Delaware State*

1 p.m.
2 p.m.
1 p.m.
2 p.m.

Men's Tennis (Home)

April 6 Virginia Union
9 George Washington
15 George Mason
25 Delaware State

12 noon
3 p.m.
3 p.m.
3 p.m.

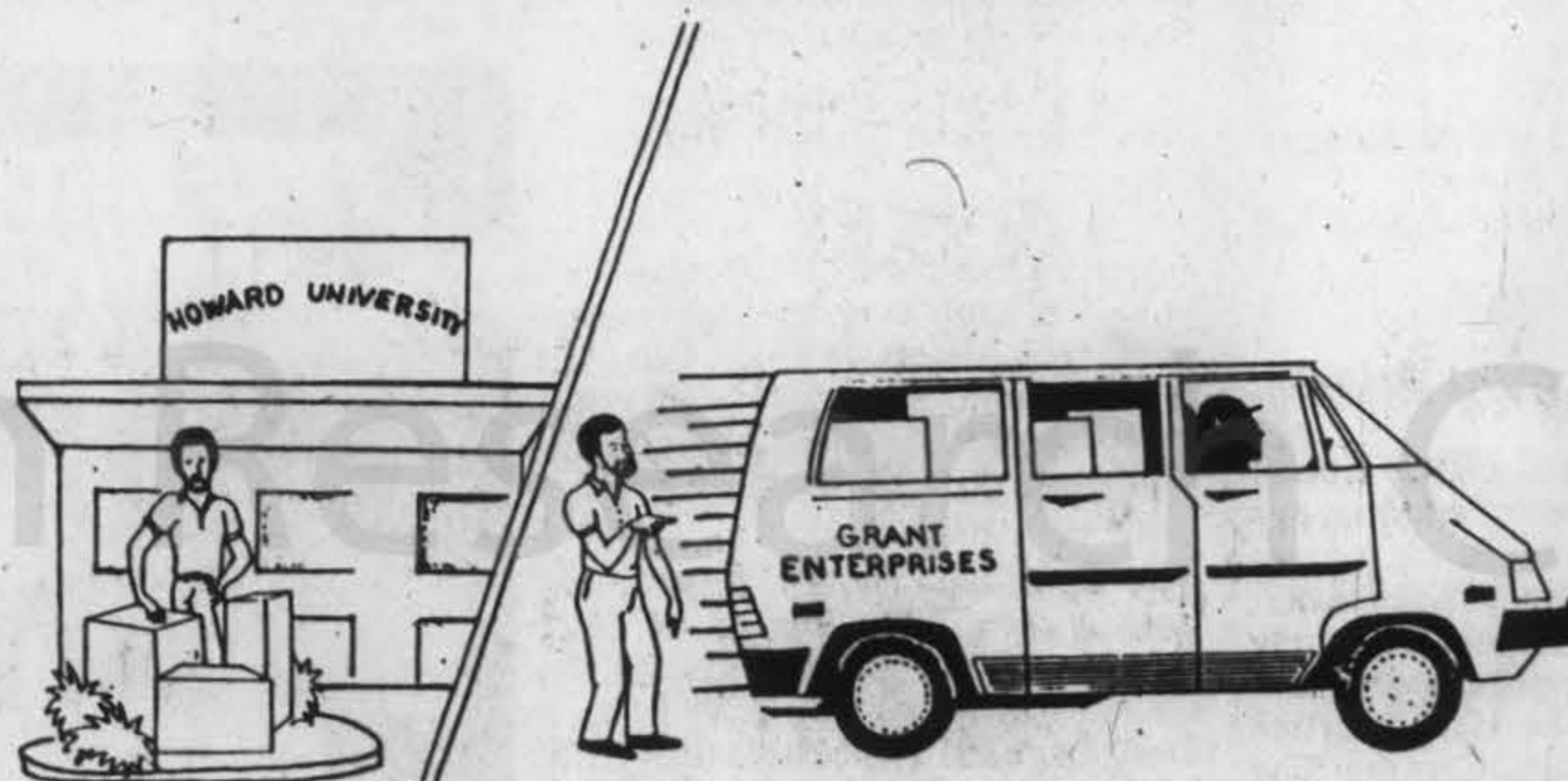
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26 Navy

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ATTENTION PI SIGMA ALPHA members, there will be an important meeting Monday, March 31, 1986 at 4:30 P.M. in room B-21 Douglass. The upcoming induction ceremony will be discussed.

ATTENTION! The Howard University Baptist Student Union meets every Wednesday at 5:15 pm in the Andrew Rankin Chapel. All members are urged to attend. ALL NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME! COME AND PRAISE THE LORD!

ATTENTION! The National Society of Black Engineers is having a GENERAL BODY MEETING this Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the ENGINEERING AUDITORIUM. All engineering students are encouraged to attend.

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ATTENTION ALL LIBERAL ARTS STUDENTS:

The Executive Board of the liberal Arts Student Council is reviewing applications for the positions of executive staff members, class officers, and class representatives. You may pick up your application from William Jones in the HUSA office (Rm. 102 Blackburn Center) The deadline to turn in the application is Wednesday, April 9. Become an active part of your student government.

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Attention students with some knowledge of layout designing and public relations skills:

A campus organization is looking for someone to work in its PR department. This position does require that you reside in the Washington metropolitan area during the summer and it does pay. For more details and other information, contact Robert Frelow at 636-0431 or stop by Carver Hall, room 110.

WANTED: PEACE CORPS RECRUITER

Applications are being accepted for the position of Graduate Level Peace Corps Recruitment Co-ordinator. Responsibilities include serving as a university-wide information resource for persons interested in Peace Corps Volunteer work and to identify prospective volunteers qualified for and seeking International experience. Qualifications include:

1. Returned Peace Corps Volunteer - A MUST!
2. Current graduate student status at Howard University
3. Successful candidate will receive a graduate student stipend and tuition/fees allowance. Please call Dr. Linus A. Hoskins, School of Human Ecology, Howard University for more information, (202) 636-7603.

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Positions are available for the 1986-87 Bison Yearbook staff. Applications are available in Rm. G-06 or 115 Blackburn Center, and are due on Friday April 4th in Rm. 117 Blackburn Center by 5:00 p.m.

Models needed for a major Howard University Production. All interested models should contact our campus representatives Deon Livingston at 789-8083 or Herb Long at 636-2595.

If you think you got the looks we need call us-Contact our Campus Representatives Deon at 789-8083 or Herb Long at 636-2529.

Phi Beta Lambda will be meeting Tuesday April 8, 1986 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 216 of the School of Business. Nominations will take place at this meeting of importance.

STUDENTS-FACULTY, Top Prices paid for used and unwanted textbooks with resale market value.

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Anyone interested in applying for a H.U.S.A. staff or committee position with the Alston/Brooks Coalition can pick up an application and return it between Fri. April 4 and Wed April 9 in room 102 Blackburn Center.

The Spartacus Youth League will hold a class "The Defeat of Black Reconstruction and the Rise of Jim Crow" on April 10, 7:30 p.m. in Douglass 126. The class is the second in the series "Black History and the Class Struggle"

Liberal Arts Week Is Coming April 14-20! Sign up in the liberal Arts Office, room 108 Blackburn or call 636-7009/10 for further details.

ATTENTION STUDENTS IT'S FINALLY HERE!!-AMATEUR NIGHT IN THE PUNCHOUT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH AT 4:00 P.M. I.D. REQUIRED.

Party with Slowe Hall
At Crystal Skate 3132 Branch Ave. Marlow Heights Md. Sat. April 5, 1986
10 p.m.-3 a.m.
Celebrating Residence Halls Week 1986. Dance or mingle in the party atmosphere of the isolated dance floor or try yourself on the roller skating floor. Bus transportation provided. Tickets available at Cramton Auditorium \$6.00 with transportation \$5.00 without transportation. For more information call 636-7173 or 636-7382
Slowe Hall---Officially begins Residence Halls Week. Be There!!!

ATTENTION:
The General Body of the NAACP will meet Wednesday, April 2 in Douglass 116, at 7:00 p.m. Elections will be held.

ATTENTION ORGANIZATIONS!
If you turned in your NAACP petitions to rename a building, please submit it to the Office of Student Affairs by April 2. For more info., call Kenneth Hawley at 636-0397 or 254-8294.

COME PARTY CALIFORNIA STYLE! Friday April 4th at the Club House. \$2 for Californians and \$3 for students with college ID. The party starts at 11 p.m. and won't stop until 5 a.m. BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

The women of the Seymour Fellowship will join the women of the New Covenant Church for a lively, delicious breakfast at Duff's Restaurant, New Hampshire Ave., Sat., April 5 at 11:00 a.m. (in place of our 9:00 a.m. breakfast at Seymour House.) Featured speaker will be our own dynamic Betty Lancaster Short. Join Us! Questions, 232-5918. Bring money for restaurant brunch (approx. \$6.00).

Personals

Paris
This is to wish you a happy belated birthday. Also thanks for being there when I needed you.
LOVE YA ALWAYS MS. SICKIE

To Mr. Revolutionist Fickling-Finley
In order to create a change you must be a strong, positive and CONSCIENTIOUS MAN. Unfortunately you don't exhibit these qualities. So a word of advice "It's time for a change! Watch your step because you are walking on thin ice"
THE EQUALIZER

3-A-86 AKA!!!
Congratulations to Jennifer Haley from two of your friends who knew you could do it and think you deserve it!
Love, Tracie and Pam

Since so many of you decided to pledge and I did not want to leave anyone out, congratulations to ALL the neophytes and remember the founding principles of your respective organizations...With love, peace, and friendship in mind, The General.

TO: L.W.
I know that this isn't being very discreet, but I just had to let you know that I think you're adorable and sweet. We met at awkward times during your time of need. Now that it's over, it would be nice to get to know you better.
Signed, "The Midnight Money Giver" (\$40.00)

The Alston/Brooks Coalition would like to thank each and everyone who supported us throughout the campaign. Thanks Y'ALL!... And we hope that you will continue to actively support us and student government next year.

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To Brent and Stanley
Congratulations to two of my favorite men on H.U. campus. I hope Alpha Phi Alpha will be as good to you as you will be to it.
LOVE YOUR HOMEGIRL!!!

To the Auspicious 38
I know mine was a face seldom seen but I tried hard to make my presence always felt. I love you all with all my heart-best wishes as you begin your lifetime commitment.
T.T.B.O.D. 20-A-85 Spec K.C.-
What words can I use.....

To my "prophete" sorors (once and twice over-smile!)
I may not have always been what you expected but I've earnestly tried to uphold the ideals of Delta through love, "true sisterhood, and a bond that will never part...." Couldn't love you more.....
T.T.B.O.D. 20-A-85

Congratulations to the new men of Omega Psi Phi, especially 9-86-A, 16-86-A, 17-86-A, and that jammin number 20! I knew you would do it! Love ya much 20-A-85

Yealang, Darla, Tamiko, Deneen, Dori, Shana, and Terry
I used to think we chose our friends but now I know that's not true, for none but God could have chosen friends as wonderful as you. You have made my four years worth the while. What more can I possibly say? The love and friendship I feel for you goes beyond words and better last forever. I love you with all my heart! Always, "Duck Butter"

To Donna,
Happy 19th today! Congratulations! Thank you for making my 19th birthday so special. You deserve a wonderful day. Keep up that Aries spirit!
Love, Deanna

A special thanks for helping with ACCENT:
Miriam, Reggie, John, Grace, Beverly, Dana, Suzie, Carla, Onimi, Tracy, Eleanor, Sam, Rochelle, Dwayne, Richard, Shaun, Gail, June, Terri, and "Ruth."

To the 10 that gathered at 1718 1/2 on Easter Sunday:
To laugh, joke, cry, and pray amongst true friends was an enjoyable blessing. And we are blessed to have each other as life long friends.
I LOVE YOU ALL DEARLY!!!
They call me Shenae

Congratulations Brent (1-B-86) and Stan (6-B-86). You have fulfilled one of your many wishes. Keep on progressing...Irv

Miss Jill Louis: You are certainly "Pretty in Pink!" You have proven through your perseverance that you are worthy of being a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. It's now official, so WEAR IT WELL...

Traci Scott you have made it through and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Alpha Chapter could not have made a better choice! "Powdered Donuts"

Congratulations to the 38 new members of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc., Alpha Chapter (a public service sorority)! The Delta Beau Court

Congratulations on your best achievement yet to the 38 ladies who are most definitely "Pretty in Pink" (and green)!

Beta Chapter
To the new brothers of the distinguished Beta chapter, welcome to Alphadom. The road was long and hard but you will undoubtedly be rewarded far beyond your immediate imaginations. Although I was not present to share your journey in body, I was there in spirit. Continue to uphold the light of Alpha as it will bring you joy, knowledge, and inspiration to achieve excellence. "06" Brothers.
6-B-83

To Linda:
I will like to thank Linda J. Jefferson for sending my Lost Residential Alien card to the Immigration and Naturalization office. Please call me. Johnis A. Wilson. (332-5832)

OMH
No matter what you hear me say to other people I'll always love you. IT WAS FANTASTIC!
HAF

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS: WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU OVER THE SUMMER AND HAVING A PRODUCTIVE 86-87 SCHOOL YEAR. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD L.A.S.C.

Congratulations SCOTT and JERRAD. PHI BETA SIGMA will never be the same. From Vivian and Regina.

What's Up Shorty?
I was thinking about our conversation Monday night and realized that I was right of course and you were wrong. I also realized that I would be the best thing that could ever happen to you. The only problem is that you don't realize it yet-BUT YOU WILL!!!
MO-JO WOMAN

To the models of "Eccentricity": it's almost show time! Thanks so much for the hard work and commitment. It will all pay off soon. Good luck and Break a leg!
From the Staff

To the Staff of Eccentricity:
Well gang it's almost over. I LOVE you all, and without you the show would not be a success. Thank you for all your hard work, commitment and talents.
Love Kim

UGSA Black Arts Festival Week Fashion Show!

Praise the Lord! To Pastor Smith and the HU Baptist Student Union: Thank you for your tremendous support and continued prayers. Birmingham in '87-Madame Presidente.



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